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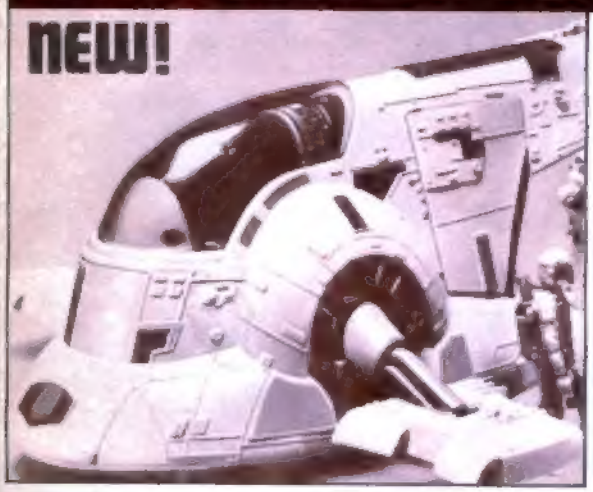

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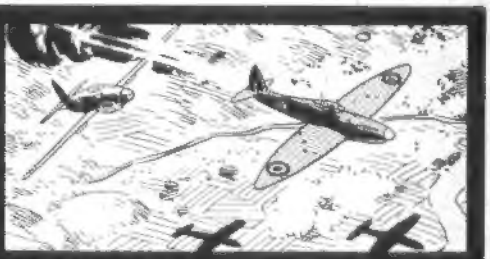

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WALLY WOOD: 1927 - 1981

On November 2, 1981, Wallace Allan Wood died in Van Nuys, California. Wally Wood's death was a tragic loss to his wife Muriel, his family, and his many friends and admirers. The world of comic illustration also suffered a loss of style and of grandeur: Wally Wood was perhaps the best artist in the business.

Photo by Peter Hsu

During his thirty year career, Wally Wood influenced or guided the careers of a countless number of successful comic illustrators. The volume of Wood's work is also too extensive to capsulize, but fans will fondly remember such classics as Cannon, The Misfits, King of the World, Sally Forth, Witzend, The Pipsqueak Papers, Animan, Wizard King, Dynamo, and Noman. Wood worked for Will Eisner on his **Spirit** strip, he was the premiere artist during the glory days of **EC Comics**, and he was one of the founding fathers of **Mad Magazine**.

Born on June 17, 1927 in Menahga, Minnesota, Wally Wood began drawing as a young boy, creating characters he would later incorporate in his professional works. After WWII, Wood went to New York to study. He showed his portfolio to Will Eisner, and was given a job working on the **Spirit** strip. Wally Wood was on his way.

Wally Wood has been described as being both elf-like and intense, a man given to wild fluctuations of mood. His first wife Tatjana says that Wood had a "puckish sense of humor. He never lost his child-like quality or his enthusiasm for his work." Flo Steinberg, who worked with Wood at **Marvel Comics**, says that though Wood "didn't overwhelm you with his personality," he was like a "grown-up elf, quietly witty, with a twinkle in his eye." Bill Pearson adds that Wood "kept his emotions pretty much in check."

Jules Feiffer agrees that Wood was "rigid, tight" but he recalls an incident when Wood came out of his shell. One day when Feiffer and Wood were working on the **Spirit** strip in New York, Wood, Feiffer, and another man went to lunch. During the meal, Wood started waxing enthusiastic about WWII cartoons, especially the work of a man called Dave Berg. As Wood's praise became more lofty, the other man began to turn redder and redder. When Feiffer told Wood that the third man was the same Dave Berg, Berg rose to his feet and kissed Wally Wood on the top of his head. Now it was Wood's turn to blush.

Nicola Cuti recalls that Wood, with tongue firmly in cheek, had a saying: "Never draw what you can copy, never copy what you can trace, never trace what you can cut up and paste down." With a style unique to himself, Wally Wood used all the tricks of the trade. Cuti remembers that Wood was a perfectionist, even under the heaviest deadlines. He would drive his staff day and night to be sure the work was the best it could be. During one period, they worked three days and nights straight, with few breaks. Cuti remembers that if an artist fell asleep over his board, he was pushed aside and replaced by a fresher artist. It was like a scene from a combat comic book.

Bill Pearson agrees that Wally Wood was a hard taskmaster. "If you did not give your greatest effort, Woody had no sympathy for you. He got the best out of everybody. It was a very healthy creative atmosphere. Woody generated enthusiasm in others when rolling on a project." Peter Hsu says, "What I learned while working with Woody was more than mere art technique or what grade pencil he used. It was attitude, a love to entertain and a craftsman's pursuit of perfection. I saw a professional in action."

But it was not only enthusiasm that Wally Wood generated. "He inspired me to do better work," says Al Williamson. "Even to this day, when I'm stuck, I look at Wally Wood's work and I get inspired. Everything he did was a joy to look at. The funny stuff, the fantastic art, the nitty-gritty realistic. He was the complete comic book artist. He made you look at it, he made you enjoy it. He was the best in the business. And I loved the man."

Wally Wood was never comfortable working for others. Every chance he got, he opened his own studio so that he could create without interference from higher-ups. Flo Steinberg recalls his rebel attitude. At **Marvel**, Stan Lee didn't like the stink and smoke of cigarettes in his office. When Wally was on his way into the office, someone would always take the cigarette from his fingers. Shortly thereafter, Wally would always light up again.

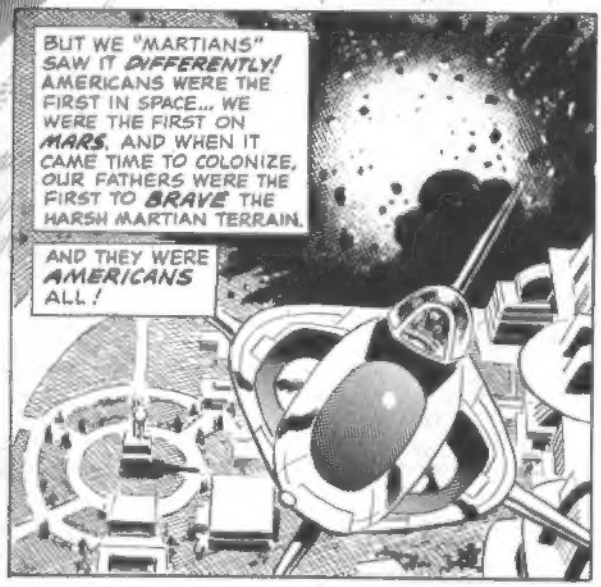
In **Big Apple Comix**, Wally had an opportunity to design his own tombstone, and this is what he put on it: "Do me something now, *&*$*!" Wally was never happy with the way authority dogged him, never allowing him the freedom to work the way he liked, or the money to live the way he wanted.

Let William Gaines have the last word: "On the one hand he was a giant, on the other a leprechaun. Wally Wood was probably the most talented science fiction artist in comics. I will always remember with sadness that he is gone...he was the first of the great artists of that great era to leave. It is like the beginning of the end. He will always be remembered. Fortunately as an artist, whose works stand forever, he'll never be lost or forgotten."

EARTH STARTED THE WAR. THEY WERE THE HEAVIES! BUT TO THEM, WE WERE UNDOUBTEDLY IN THE WRONG... WE MARTIANS, AS THEY CALLED US.

THE WHOLE THING BEGAN SIMPLY ENOUGH. THE UNITED EARTH NATIONS DECIDED IT WAS TIME MARS WAS INTEGRATED... WITH NATIONALITIES OTHER THAN AMERICANS!

KILLER HAWK

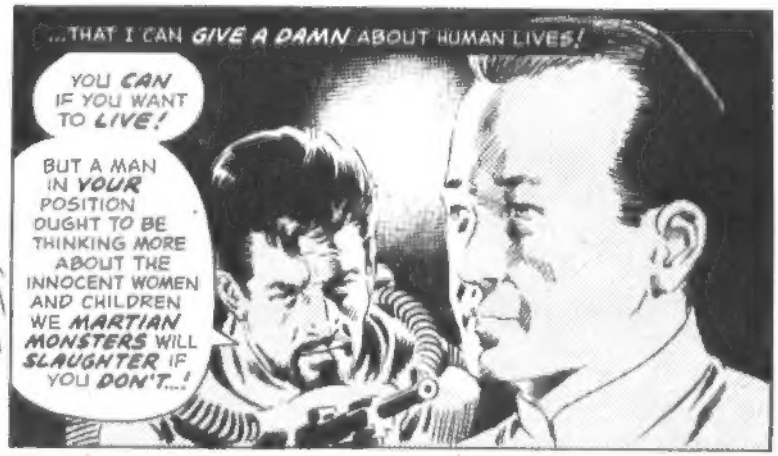


Author: BILL DuBAY/Illustrator: WALLY WOOD

MY NAME IS JIM HAWKINS, COLONEL, USMA. SOMETIMES I'VE GOT TO REMIND MYSELF OF THAT...!
IT'S A NICE MARTIAN-AMERICAN NAME... BUT MY MEN AND OFFICERS CALL ME KILLER HAWK!
I GOT THE NICKNAME BACK AT RED SANDS BOOT CAMP. A DRUNKEN D.I. MADE A FACETIOUS REMARK ABOUT MY LACK OF A FATHER. I WAS SO MAD, I BLACKED OUT!
WHEN I CAME TO, THE BUTT END OF THE D.I'S NIGHTSTICK HAD FOUND A TWELVE-INCH RESTING PLACE UP HIS BOTTOMSIDE!

THEY SAY HE WAS IN INTENSE PAIN WHEN HE DIED! I FELT BAD ABOUT THAT... IT NEVER GAVE HIM A CHANCE TO APOLOGIZE!
YOU ARE MAYOR OF THIS CITY?
I-I AM, MARTIAN!
THEN I SUGGEST YOU SURRENDER!

WHICH ONLY PROVES TO MY MEN...
ONE BROADCAST FROM YOU CAN SAVE A LOT OF LIVES!
ORDER YOUR TROOPS TO PUT DOWN THEIR WEAPONS!
I-I CAN'T...


...THAT I CAN GIVE A DAMN ABOUT HUMAN LIVES!
YOU CAN IF YOU WANT TO LIVE!
BUT A MAN IN YOUR POSITION OUGHT TO BE THINKING MORE ABOUT THE INNOCENT WOMEN AND CHILDREN WE MARTIAN MONSTERS WILL SLAUGHTER IF YOU DON'T...!

I HAD ORDERS NOT TO KILL, MAIM, ROB, RAPE, OR LOOT UNNECESSARILY! THE POLITICIANS ONLY WANTED TO SLAP WRISTS... MAKE EARTH LEAVE MARS ALONE! CAPTURING SIX OR SEVEN MAJOR CITIES SEEMED THE FASTEST WAY OF GETTING THROUGH TO THE UNITED EARTH NATIONS! BUT IT MADE ME WONDER...
FELLOW CITIZENS... THE MARTIAN MONSTERS ARE AMONGST US!
THERE IS NOTHING MORE WE CAN DO!
...WHATEVER HAPPENED TO OUR GOOD OLD FASHIONED SPARTAN VALUES!

I WANTED TO UNLEASH **HORDES** OF SCREAMING MARTIANS INTO THE CAPTURED CITY! IT SEEMED MY **RIGHT** AS CONQUERING COMMANDER!

BUT PRESIDENT TOMKINS AND THOSE CLOWNIES UP THERE IN MARS CITY **INSISTED** OUR OCCUPATION BE **PEACEFUL!**

MY MEN **CRAWLED** INTO BERLIN LIKE **MICE**...

...AND WE WAITED FOR WORD ABOUT **PEACE TALKS**, WHILE THE **FIGHTING RAGED ON** IN ROME, MOSCOW, WASHINGTON AND SYDNEY.

MAJOR DAVIS HAS LINED UP A LITTLE **ACTION** IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, HAWK!

MODERN WARFARE, **BAH!** USED TO BE INVADERS WOULD **TAKE** WHAT THEY WANTED!

AT RED SANDS, THEY CALLED ME A LITTLE **MAD**...KILLING A DRILL INSTRUCTOR WITH HIS OWN NIGHTSTICK! BUT THE INSPECTOR GENERAL CALLED IT **SELF-DEFENSE!**

AFTER ALL, WASN'T I DEFENDING MY OWN FATHER'S GOOD **NAME?**

I'VE NEVER **MET** ANYONE QUITE LIKE YOU BEFORE, HAWK!

I'LL BET YOU SAY THAT TO **ALL** MARTIANS!

ACTUALLY, I NEVER EVEN **KNEW** MY FATHER! THEY SAY I WAS LEFT ON THE DOORSTEP OF A FOUNDLING HOME...

YEAH, THAT OLD CLICHE.

YOU'RE **HARD** ... **STRONG!** NOT AT ALL LIKE OTHER MEN I'VE KNOWN!

I SUSPECT MY MOTHER WAS A **WORKING GIRL** WHO PICKED UP THE BURDENS OF MOTHERHOOD IN THE **STREET!**

YOU'LL TAKE ME **BACK** WITH YOU WHEN YOU GO?

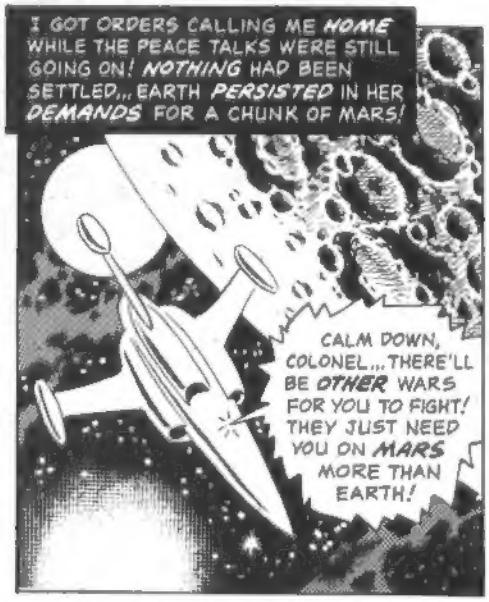
SORRY BABY! THEY DON'T LIKE **GERMANS** UP THERE!

TO TELL THE TRUTH, I DON'T EVEN **REMEMBER** MUCH OF MY CHILDHOOD! SOMETIMES I FEEL LIKE I WAS **FORCE-FED** SIXTEEN YEARS OF **MEMORIES**...

...AND BORN AGAIN IN BOOT CAMP! **THAT'S** WHEN MY LIFE **REALLY** STARTED!

LIKE THEY SAY... ENJOY **TONIGHT**, BABY...

...'CAUSE **TOMORROW** I'LL BE GONE!


I GOT ORDERS CALLING ME HOME WHILE THE PEACE TALKS WERE STILL GOING ON! NOTHING HAD BEEN SETTLED... EARTH PERSISTED IN HER DEMANDS FOR A CHUNK OF MARS!
CALM DOWN, COLONEL... THERE'LL BE OTHER WARS FOR YOU TO FIGHT! THEY JUST NEED YOU ON MARS MORE THAN EARTH!

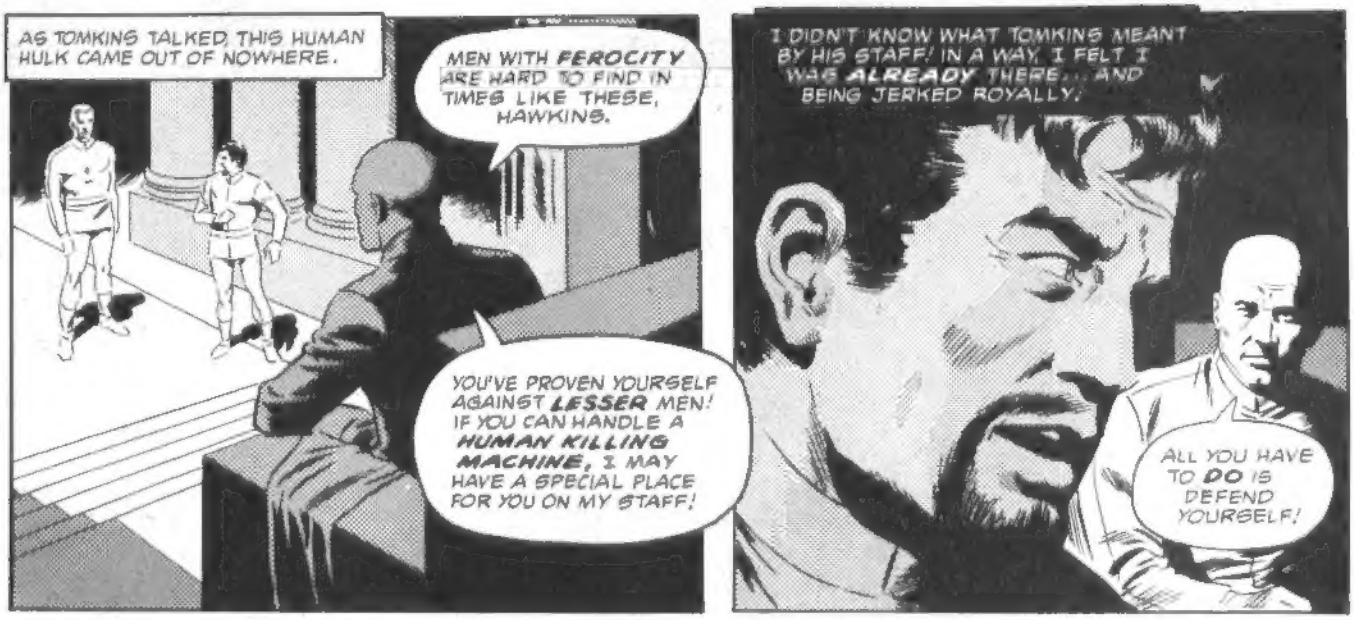
I WANTED TO STAY AND BLAST HELL OUT OF A COUPLE MORE CITIES... DO IT THE WAY IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE THE FIRST TIME.
BUT PRESIDENT TOMKINS WAS THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, AND HAD BEEN FOR SEVEN YEARS! HE MUST'VE KNOWN WHAT HE WAS DOING!
HEY! WHAT DO WE HAVE HERE... A GERMAN STOWAWAY?!
I WISH TO GIVE MYSELF UP TO COL. HAWKINS!

TOMKINS GOT ELECTED THE YEAR I WENT INTO RED SANDS! HE WAS YOUNG THEN... YOUNGEST PRESIDENT IN THE HISTORY OF MARS! BUT THEN, THERE'D ONLY BEEN THREE!
EVERYONE FIGURED HIM FOR A TOUGH, UNYIELDING POLITICIAN...
...WHICH HE WAS FOR THE FIRST COUPLE OF YEARS IN OFFICE!
THEY CALLED HIM MARS' DICTATOR-ELECT BACK THEN!
YOU'VE GOT A VISITOR, HAWK! FOUND HER TUCKED AWAY WITH THE SHIPRATS!
GRECHIN!?
DAMN YOU, WOMAN! HOW'D YOU GET ABOARD MY SHIP?
I-I HAD TO BE WITH YOU, JIM!

BUT THE WAY I SAW IT, TOMKINS WAS GETTING SOFT! OH, HE INSTITUTED THE DEATH PENALTY FOR MAJOR CRIMES... AND CLEANED UP THE TOUGH EASTERN FRONTIERS ALL RIGHT...
BUT I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY HE WOULDN'T LET US NUKE THOSE EARTH LAND-GRABBERS!
DON'T YOU KNOW THE PENALTY FOR ILLEGAL ENTRY IS DEATH...? FOR YOU... AND ME, WOMAN!
I-I--

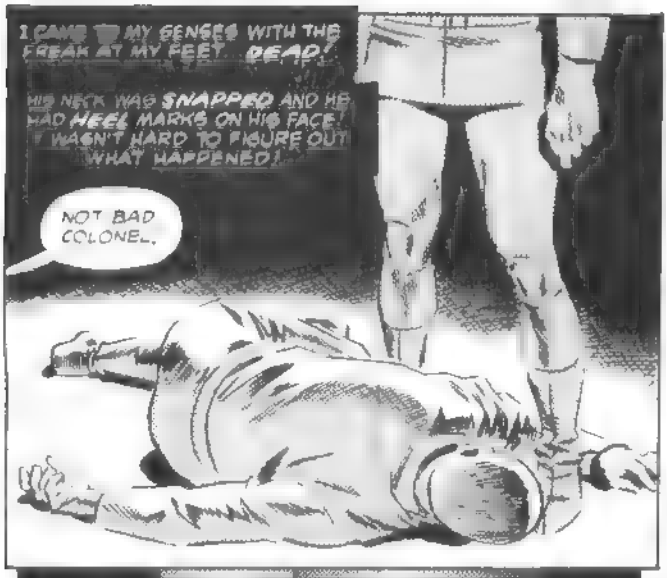
HE WOULDN'T LET ONE OF THEM ON MARTIAN SOIL THOUGH... YOU GOTTA GIVE THE OLD BOY THAT!
IT'S ALL RIGHT, GRECHIN! I'LL THINK OF SOMETHING!
AND EVEN WITH THIS GERMAN GIRL IN MY ARMS, I DIDN'T REGRET TOMKINS' LAWS!

ONCE HOME IN MARS CITY, I HAD TO REPORT THE EARTH GIRL TO MY C.O. I FULLY EXPECTED TO BE BUSTED AND SHOT ON THE SPOT.
INSTEAD HE HANDED ME SOME ORDERS AND SENT ME OVER TO THE STATE BUILDING... TOMKINS' BUILDING!
I HAD VISIONS OF THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF SHOOTING OFF THE ORGAN THAT GOT ME INTO THIS MESS!
WHAT DO YOU THINK'S GOING TO HAPPEN?
HE'LL KILL YOU AND PROMOTE ME, NATURALLY!
THEN IT HIT ME THAT TOMKINS WAS TOO BIG TO BE INTERESTED IN ANYTHING AS SIMPLE AS AN ILLEGAL ALIEN ON MARS! I REALLY GOT A SHOCK WHEN THIS PRETTY GIRL...HIS SECRETARY I SUPPOSED, CALLED ME BY ANOTHER NICKNAME I'D HAD WHEN I WAS A JUNIOR OFFICER!
SO YOU'RE CAPTAIN BLOOD!
I'VE HEARD QUITE A BIT ABOUT YOU!
THE PRESIDENT WILL SEE YOU NOW, CAPTAIN!
I GOT THAT TAG THE DAY THEY PINNED ON MY SILVERBARS! SOME J.G. MADE A COMMENT ABOUT MY MOTHER...
IT'S COLONEL NOW, LADY!
...AND HOW ANY RIFF-RAFF COULD COME IN THE CORPS!
WHEN I CAME TO, THE J.G.'S FACE LOOKED LIKE BLOODY PULP! THAT FREAK LIVED... BUT I STILL DON'T SEE HOW!
COLONEL JAMES HAWKINS, USMA, REPORTING, SIR!
I KNOW WHO YOU ARE, COLONEL! YOU CAN STAND AT EASE!
I THOUGHT OF THE J.G. AS I STOOD BEFORE TOMKINS... AND AGAIN I WONDERED WHAT THE PRESIDENT OF UNITED MARS WANTED WITH ME...
I REMEMBER THINKING HOW YOUNG, HOW HARD HE LOOKED...HIS STEEL-BLUE EYES DRIVING RIGHT THROUGH ME AS I CHOKED UP THE COURAGE TO SPEAK, NOT SOFT AT ALL.
SIR, YOU'VE DISARMED ME, SCREENED ME AND STRIPPED MY NERVE ENDS RAW.
MAY I HUMBLY REQUEST WHAT YOU WANT OF ME?
HIS GAZE BORE DOWN ON ME...AND I COULD SEE THAT TOMKINS WAS STILL A HARD MAN, USED TO BEING OBEYED!
COLONEL, YOU'RE QUITE AN IMPRESSIVE OFFICER!
I'VE LOOKED UP YOUR RECORD...AND YOU SEEM QUITE FORMIDABLE IN YOUR OWN RIGHT!
YOU'VE CAPTURED ONE OF EARTH'S MOST POWERFUL CITIES WITH A SMALL BUT EXPERTLY LED FORCE!


AS TOMKINS TALKED, THIS HUMAN HULK CAME OUT OF NOWHERE.
MEN WITH FEROCITY ARE HARD TO FIND IN TIMES LIKE THESE, HAWKINS.
YOU'VE PROVEN YOURSELF AGAINST LESSER MEN! IF YOU CAN HANDLE A HUMAN KILLING MACHINE, I MAY HAVE A SPECIAL PLACE FOR YOU ON MY STAFF!
I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TOMKINS MEANT BY HIS STAFF! IN A WAY, I FELT I WAS ALREADY THERE... AND BEING JERKED ROYALLY!
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS DEFEND YOURSELF!

THE LAST THING I REMEMBER, THE HULK WAS SAILING THROUGH THE AIR, DEADLY HANDS POISED FOR A QUICK KILL!
SOMETHING CLICKED INSIDE ME AND FOR AN INSTANT, I FELT LIKE A COMPUTER GEARING UP FOR ACTION...
THEN THE BLACKNESS CAME...
AAAIII!

I CAN ONLY SPECULATE ON WHAT HAPPENED NEXT. LIKE EVERY OTHER TIME I'VE BEEN IN PHYSICAL COMBAT, MY MIND BLANKED OUT...
...AND MY BODY TOOK OVER FOR THE KILL!
ATTACK! ATTACK!


I CAME TO MY SENSES WITH THE FREAK AT MY FEET. DEAD!
HIS NECK WAS SNAPPED AND HE HAD HEEL MARKS ON HIS FACE! IT WASN'T HARD TO FIGURE OUT WHAT HAPPENED!
NOT BAD COLONEL.

THE PRESIDENT'S VOICE JARRED ME BACK TO REALITY. I WAS OUTRAGED. I DID NOT EVEN THINK THAT THIS MAN...OUR COUNTRY'S PLANET'S LEADER WOULD ORDER ME TO KILL FOR NO REASON.
BUT THERE WAS MORE...
YOU'VE PROVEN YOUR SKILLS...
BUT WHAT ABOUT YOUR LOYALTY?

A PANEL SLIPPED OPEN AND THE GIRL, GANCHIM, CAME IN. SHE LOOKED SO FRAIL AND FRIGHTENED... SHE HAD NO IDEA WHAT TO EXPECT!
BUT I DID!
WE STOOD THERE AND STARED SILENTLY. TOMKINS' VOICED SLICED THE TENSION LIKE A HOT KNIFE
WILL YOU DO WHAT YOUR PRESIDENT ASKS OF YOU, COLONEL?

I KNEW WHAT HE WAS GOING TO COMMAND...
THIS WOMAN IS HERE ILLEGALLY!
AND YOU COLONEL, ARE THE REASON WHY SHE IS HERE!

BUT I WOULD NOT KILL AGAIN FOR THIS MADMAN!
SHE MUST BE EXECUTED!

SUDDENLY MY MIND SNAPPED AT HIS COMMAND! AND AGAIN, I FELT LIKE NO MORE THAN A MACHINE!
NO! I-I LOVE YO-- URK!

I FOUND MYSELF STARING DOWN AT HER A PALE BLOODIED MASS OF DEAD HUMAN MEAT.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE...I FELT UGLY...AND NOT A LITTLE INSANE!

IT WAS AS IF I WERE BEING CONTROLLED BY A DEMON...

OR SOMETHING FAR MORE SINISTER!

TOMKINS' WORDS BURNED IN MY BRAIN! I HATED HIS RASPY VOICE...HATED EVERYTHING OUR ALMIGHTY, INFALLIBLE PRESIDENT STOOD FOR!

I NEED A MAN LIKE YOU, HAWKINS! AS MY BODY-GUARD!

WITH THIS WAR GOING ON, I'M GOING TO NEED PROTECTION FROM THE FANATICS!

IT WAS A GOOD TEST, HAWKINS! SHE LOVED YOU, BUT SHE WAS IN THIS WORLD ILLEGALLY! SHE HAD TO BE EXTERMINATED!

STAY AT MY SIDE ALWAYS ...GENERAL!

I ACCEPTED, OF COURSE, AND BECAME BRIGADIER MILLER HAWK, ATTACHE AND CONSTANT COMPANION TO THE PRESIDENT OF UNITED MARS!

AND THE EXTRA PAY COMPENSATED A LITTLE FOR MY RECENT LOSS OF LIN QUESTIONING DEVOTION TO THE PRESIDENT.

I VOWED TO KILL THE MADMAN AT MY EARLIEST CONVENIENCE...

...AND PUT MARS BACK ON THE ROAD TOWARD DEMOCRACY AND PEACE!

W-WHY IS HE HERE?

TO SEE YOU DO NOT HURT OUR LEADER!

MY CHANCE FINALLY CAME; TOMKINS WAS ALONE IN HIS WAR ROOM! I COULD FEEL THE FLUID POUNDING THROUGH MY VEINS AS I SLOWLY REACHED FOR MY BLASTER...

THEN CAME THE INEVITABLE ⟨CLICK⟩ AND I EXPECTED TO BLACK OUT!

BUT I DIDN'T! INSTEAD, I HEARD A METALLIC VOICE WHISPERING SOMEWHERE INSIDE MY HEAD!

TARGET: KNOWN FRONTAL LOBE. RANGE STATIONARY. RECOGNIZE THE URGE TO KILL.

⟨CLICK⟩ RANGE: 1.57 METERS

I CLICKED THE SILENCER ONTO MY WEAPON ...AND TOMKINS KNEW INSTINCTIVELY WHAT I WAS GOING TO DO!

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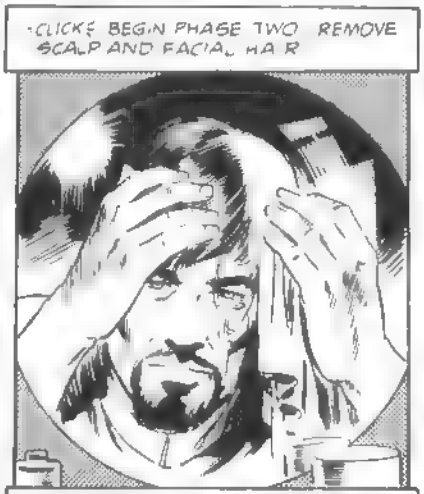
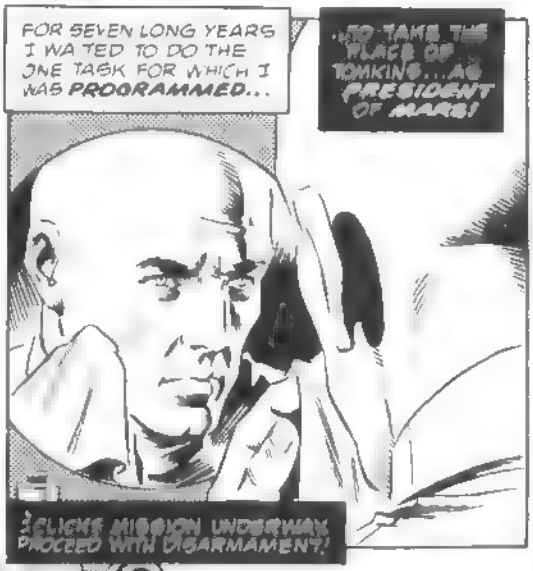




WE'LL TRANSPLANT A LIVING MAN'S **BRAIN** INTO THE ROBOT! HE'LL HAVE EMOTIONS, FEELINGS CREATIVE THOUGHT...FREE WILL

THEN WE'LL HOOK IT UP TO THE **CENTRAL COMPUTER** SYSTEM! IN TIMES OF STRESS, THE HUMAN BRAIN WILL BE BLACKED OUT...AND THE **COMPUTER** WILL OVERRIDE, TAKING CONTROL OF THE BODY...

IN THAT WAY, BOTH **HUMAN** AND **MECHANICAL** THINKING WILL SHARE AN **INDESTRUCTIBLE** BODY!

HE'LL BE A **SUPER-MAN**...BOTH HUMAN AND FULLY MACHINE ...TRAINED FOR ONLY ONE PURPOSE . TO **KILL** THE NEW MARTIAN PRESIDENT SHOULD IT EVER BE NECESSARY!

HE'LL BE GIVEN TOMKINS' VOICE, MANNERISMS... AND PHYSICAL ABILITIES! FINALLY, WE'LL BLACK OUT THAT PART OF HIS MEMORY CONTAINING HIS [illegible] AND **LIFT** THAT BLACKOUT WHENEVER IT IS **NEEDED!**

HE WILL BE EXTERMINATOR ONE-FIVE - F VE!

IT PLAYED OVER AND OVER AGAIN IN MY MIND...THE INTIMATE DETAILS OF MY **CREATION.**

THEN SUDDENLY I LAUGHED... LIKE I HADN'T LAUGHED IN OVER SEVEN LONG YEARS! I REMEMBERED ONE **MORE** THING

...WHO I WAS BEFORE THEY RIPPED THE BRAIN FROM MY BODY AND STUCK IT IN THIS WALKING **TINKER-TOY!**

SEYMOUR BERNOWITZ, A [illegible] LITTLE JEWISH BOY TURNED [illegible] AND **RAPIST**... [illegible] WITH THIS BABY OUT!

YOU'RE **KIDDIN'**. ALL I GOTTA DO IS BECOME A GUINEA PIG FOR SCIENCE AND I'M **OUTTA** THIS JOINT?

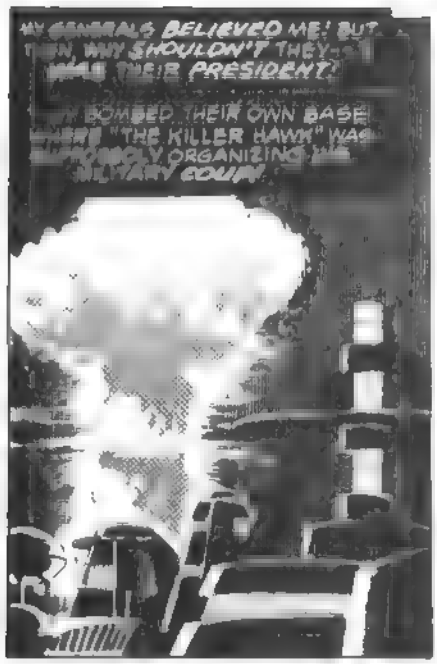
THAT'S **IT**, BERNOWITZ! BUT YOU'D BETTER READ THE FINE PRINT BEFORE YOU SIGNED THE DOTTED **LINE.**

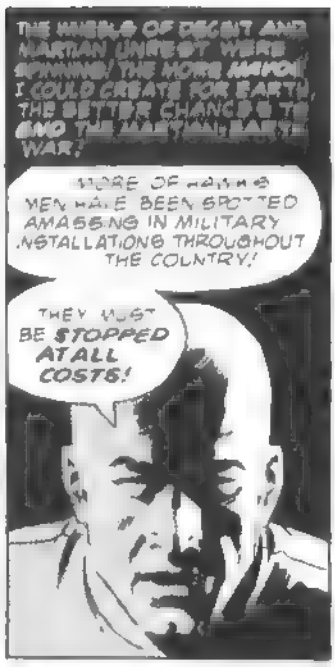
[illegible] MOTHER WOULD HAVE TO LAUGH IF SHE COULD SEE ME NOW...**PRESIDENT** OF AN **ENTIRE PLANET!** AND PROBABLY THE **ONLY** JEWBOY ON IT TO BOOT...!

...AND ABOUT TO CREATE HELL LIKE MARS HAS NEVER **SEEN!**

GENTLEMEN, I'VE JUST RECEIVED WORD THAT MY TRUSTED AID GENERAL JAMES HAWKINS, IS AN AGENT OF **EARTH!**

EVEN **NOW,** HE'S AWAITING MARTIAN TROOPS TO **ASSAULT** THE **CAPITAL!**


MY GENERALS BELIEVED ME! BUT THEN, WHY SHOULDN'T THEY? I WAS THEIR PRESIDENT!
I BOMBED THEIR OWN BASE WHERE "THE KILLER HAWK" WAS ILLEGALLY ORGANIZING THE MILITARY COUP!


THE WHEELS OF DECEIT AND MARTIAN UNREST WERE SPINNING! THE MORE HAVOC I COULD CREATE FOR EARTH, THE BETTER CHANCE I'D HAVE TO END THE MARTIAN-EARTH WAR!
MORE OF HAWK'S MEN HAVE BEEN SPOTTED AMASSING IN MILITARY INSTALLATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY!
THEY MUST BE STOPPED AT ALL COSTS!

ONLY ONE OF MY GENERALS DARED TO CONTEST THE WORD OF HIS PRESIDENT
BUT SIR, I HAVE SEEN NONE OF MY MILITARY FORCES MOVING AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.

MY GUARDS BLEW A CHUNK IN HIM BIG ENOUGH TO FLY THROUGH!
HE MUST BE ONE OF THOSE TRAITORS... EXECUTE HIM!
:RRRR: DESTROY!

I CONVINCED MY GENERALS AND MY CABINET THAT TRAITORS WERE ALL AROUND US! AND LIKE THE EXPERT COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF THEY KNEW ME TO BE, NO ONE QUESTIONED
.. NOT EVEN WHEN I HAD MY PILOT TAKE TO THE SKIES ON A MISSION I PERSONALLY WANTED TO OVERSEE ..
..I WAS MY PILOT!

THE SHIP CARRIED A HALF-DOZEN NUCLEAR WARHEADS
ENOUGH TO WIPE THE GREATER PART OF A PLANET

AND THE MILITARY FORCES OF THE OLD WORLD WERE OBLITERATED!
WRRR! FIRE ONE!
WRRR! FIRE TWO!
WRRR! FIRE THREE!
ERGO. FORCED PEACE!

I NEVER LANDED ON MARS BUT KEPT GOING TOWARDS EARTH'S MOON...AND THEN TO EARTH ITSELF!

IT'S ALL OVER, BROTHERS! YOU CAN SEND UP AS MANY SHIPLOADS OF PEOPLE AS YOU LIKE!

CONGRATULATIONS YOURSELF, COMPUTER!

{CLICK} {WRRR} MISSION ACCOMPLISHED! WRRR} CONGRATULATIONS, HUMAN!

I CHUCKLED INWARDLY AT HOW MY VALUES HAD CHANGED SINCE THE TIME I WAS LAST ON EARTH ...WHEN I BELIEVED MYSELF TO BE MARTIAN COLONEL JAMES HAWKINS. I LANDED, THEN CHECKED INTO THE UNITED EARTH NATIONS... OR SHOULD I SAY THE BASEMENT THEREOF ...WHERE I HAD BEEN ASSEMBLED SEVEN LONG YEARS BEFORE!

NOW HERE I STOOD RECOUNTING THE STORY TO THE COUNCIL.

NOT KNOWING WHETHER TO EXPECT A HERO'S WELCOME... OR AN OVERHAUL AND LUBE JOB!

YOU'VE HANDLED YOUR MISSION WELL, ONE-ONE-FIVE!

AS ANTICIPATED, YOU CARRIED OUT EVERY ASPECT OF THE ASSIGNMENT YOU WERE PROGRAMMED FOR!

THANK YOU, SIR! I ONLY ASK THAT I MAY BE ABLE TO SERVE THE EXTERMINATOR COMMISSION AGAIN!

I'M AFRAID THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE ONE-ONE-FIVE!

YOU ARE FAR TOO POWERFUL TO CONTINUE IN THIS EXISTENCE

...ESPECIALLY NOW THAT YOU'VE TASTED THE POWER OF THE MARTIAN PRESIDENCY!

WE CANNOT AFFORD THE ILLUSION THAT YOU WILL REMAIN LOYAL TO THE UNITED EARTH NATIONS FOREVER, EXTERMINATOR!

DANGER...DANGER RELOCATE OR DESTROY...

YOU HAVE DONE WHAT WAS EXPECTED OF YOU BECAUSE IT WAS NECESSARY! WE DO WHAT MUST BE DONE BECAUSE IT IS NECESSARY!

RELOCATE RELOCATE

A LASER DESTRUCT BEAM IS EATING INTO YOUR BIONIC BODY... SOON IT WILL DESTROY YOUR HUMAN AS WELL AS YOUR COMPUTER MINDS

SOON YOU WILL BE NO MORE, EXTERMINATOR!

RELOCATE OR .

BUT PLEASE KNOW YOU HAVE THE SINCERE GRATITU--

DESTRUCT {CLICK} DESTRUCT {CLICK} DESTRU-

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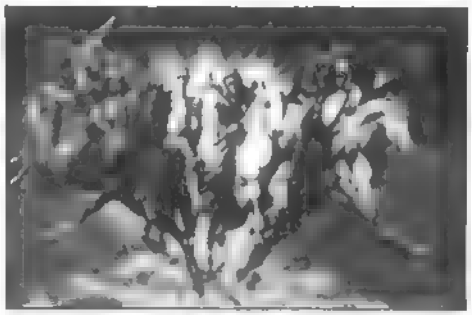

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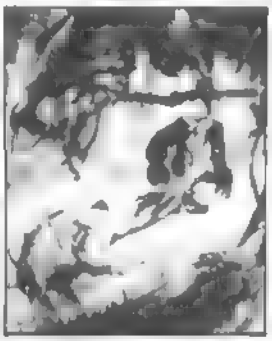

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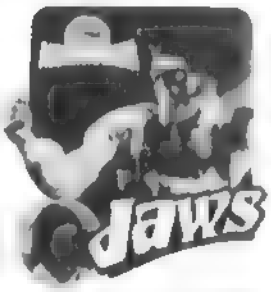

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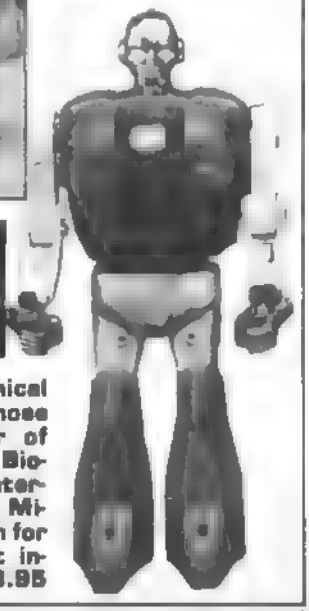

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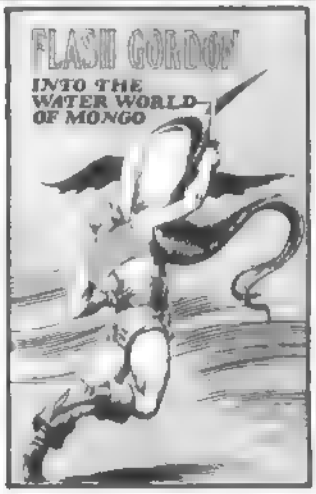

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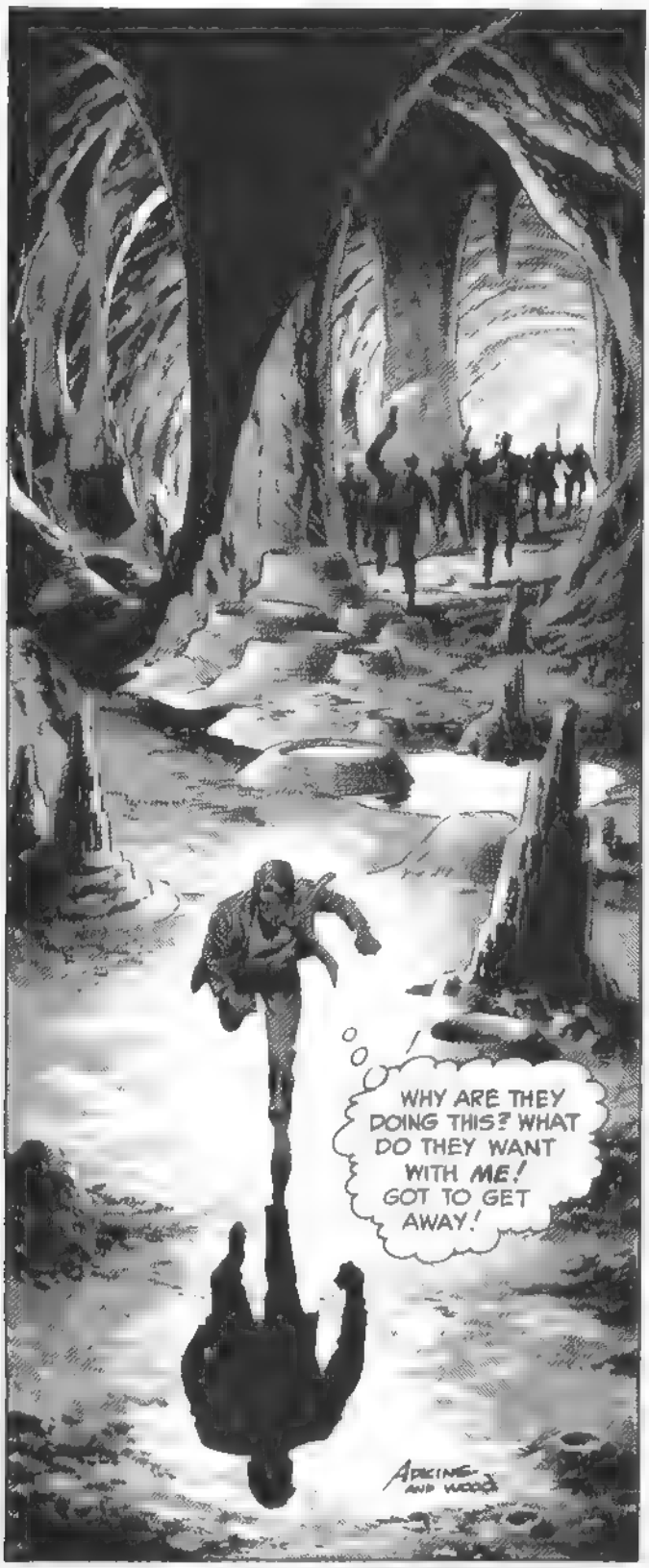

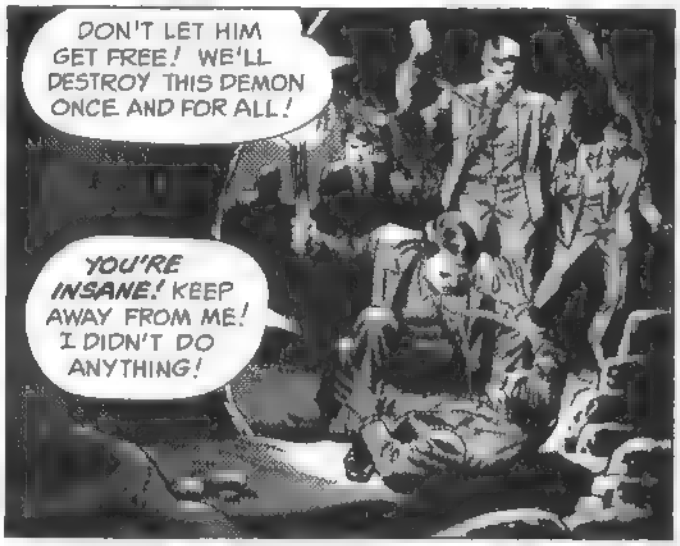

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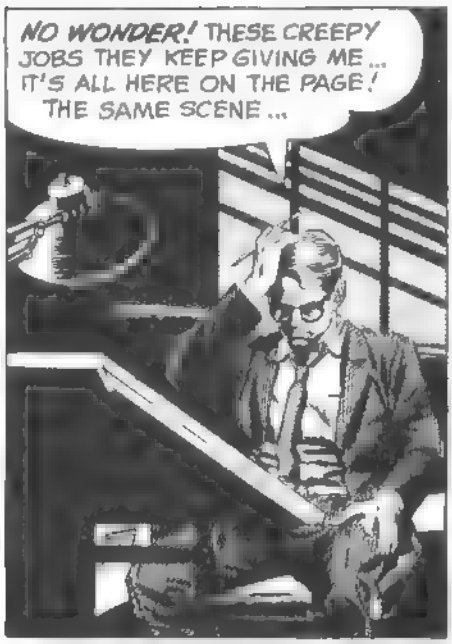
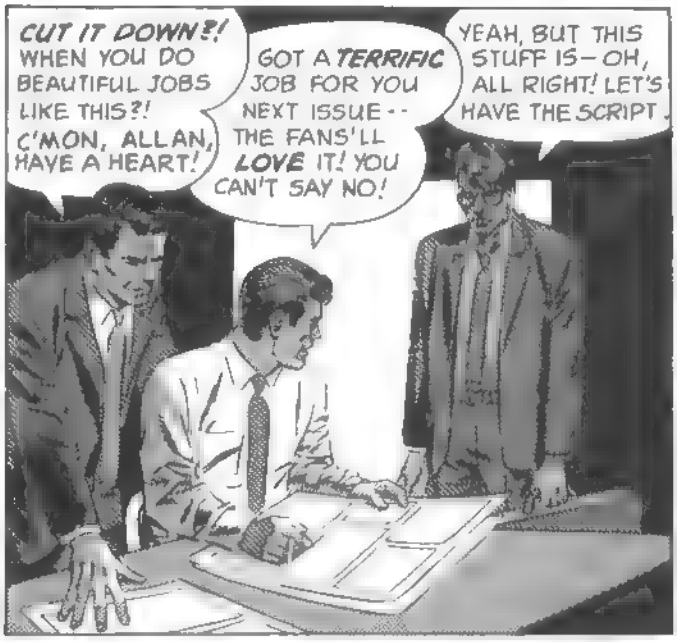
YAAAAHHHH

WHAT TH—! MUST'VE BEEN DAYDREAMING... RIGHT HERE AT THE BOARD! SEEMED SO REAL...


NO WONDER! THESE CREEPY JOBS THEY KEEP GIVING ME... IT'S ALL HERE ON THE PAGE! THE SAME SCENE...

---EXACTLY AS I HAD DRAWN IT! ONLY I WAS IN IT! THEY WERE KILLING ME!
THE PRESSURE.. THE STRAIN...SO MUCH WORK . ALL OF IT CONTRIBUTES! YOU SHOULD TRY TO CUT DOWN...
BY THE WAY, I DIDN'T RECEIVE YOUR CHECK FOR THE LAST SESSION...


CUT IT DOWN?! WHEN YOU DO BEAUTIFUL JOBS LIKE THIS?! C'MON, ALLAN, HAVE A HEART!
GOT A TERRIFIC JOB FOR YOU NEXT ISSUE-- THE FANS'LL LOVE IT! YOU CAN'T SAY NO!
YEAH, BUT THIS STUFF IS—OH, ALL RIGHT! LET'S HAVE THE SCRIPT.

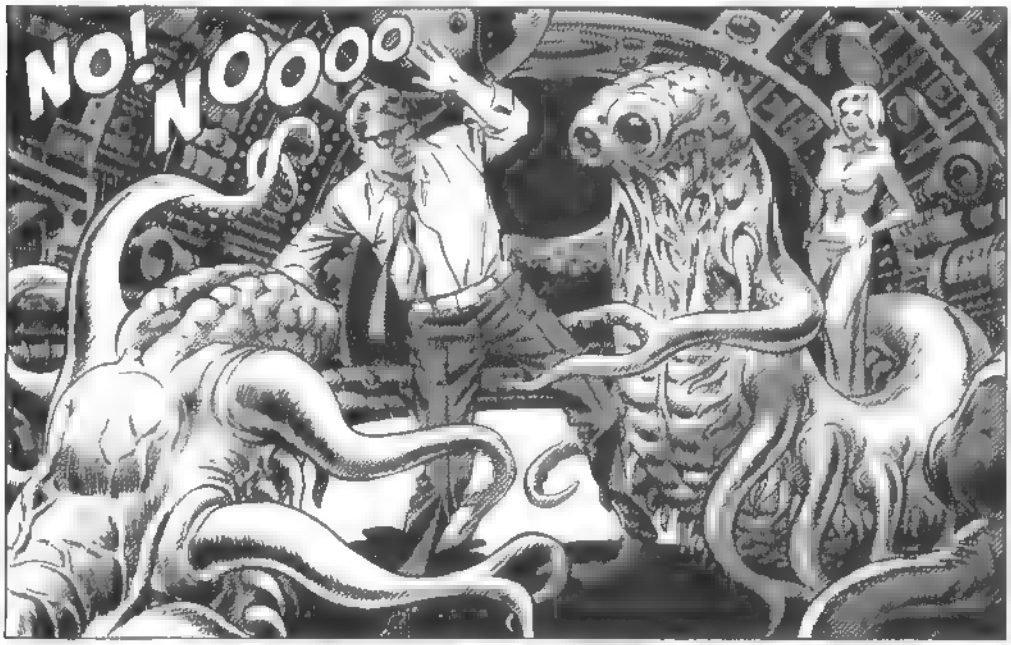
WHAT'S THE USE? I CAN'T SAY NO! ANYWAY, I CAN USE THE MONEY...
WHAT'VE WE GOT THIS TIME? SPACE SHIPS-- MACHINERY-- GADGETS--

PANELS OF GADGETS! SO MANY CONTROLS...CAN'T FIGURE 'EM OUT! WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?
PERHAPS, YOU NEED HELP--

WHO..?
DID I STARTLE YOU? THERE'S NO NEED TO BE AFRAID OF ME.

...COME CLOSER, SEE FOR YOUR-SELF...

...THE TRAP MY MASTERS HAVE PLANNED FOR YOU!

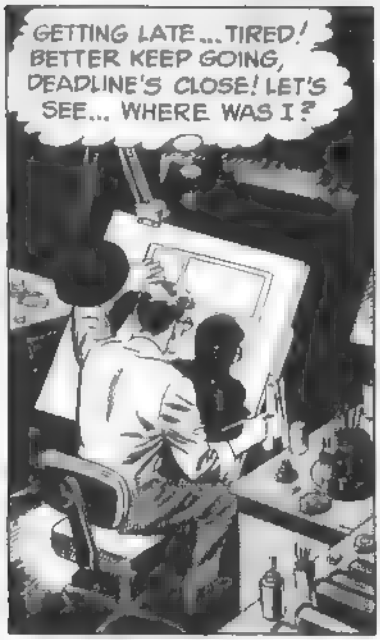

NO! NOOOO

LET GO! PLEASE! NO MORE! IT'S GOT TO STOP! STOP!

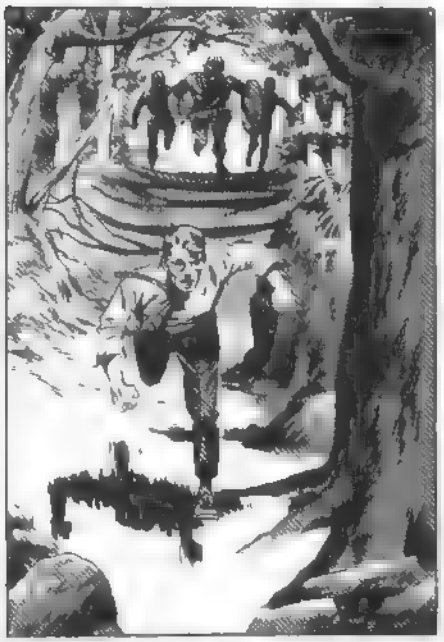
YOU CAN'T STOP, ALLAN! AT THE PEAK OF YOUR CAREER? THIS IS YOUR GOLDEN AGE!
THESE JOBS! YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE... THEY'RE GETTING TO ME MORE AND MORE!

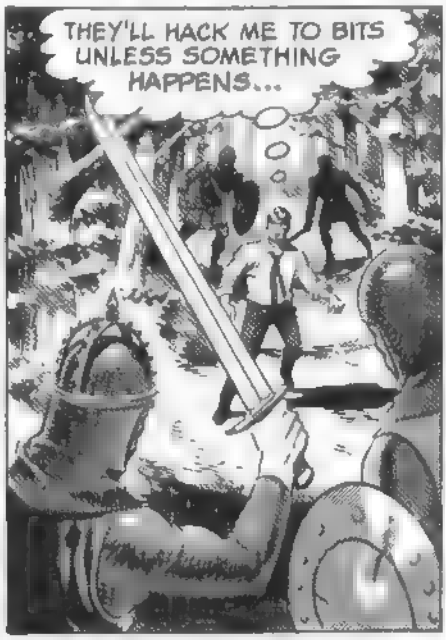
BUT THE ENTIRE MAGAZINE'S BUILT AROUND YOUR WORK! WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU NOW...
OKAY, OKAY..

I'LL DO IT!

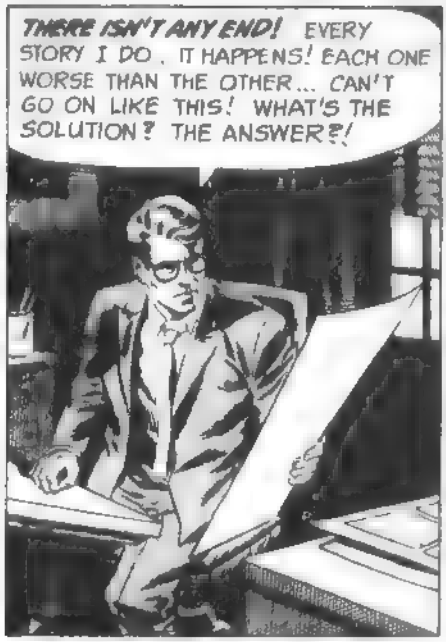

GETTING LATE... TIRED! BETTER KEEP GOING, DEADLINE'S CLOSE! LET'S SEE... WHERE WAS I?

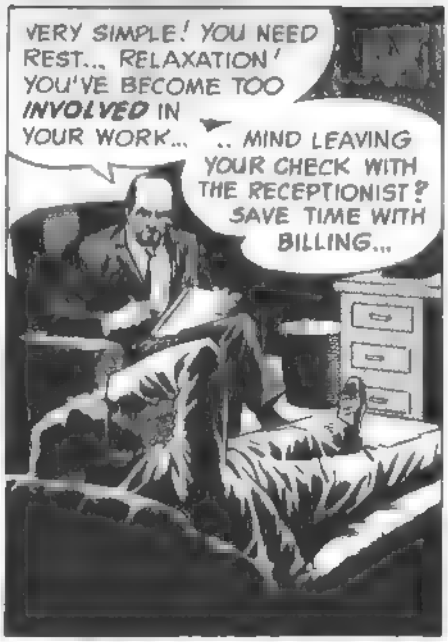
NO! NOT AGAIN!

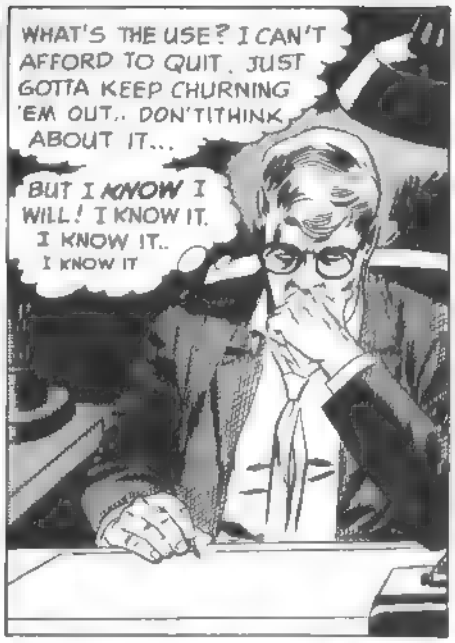



THEY'LL HACK ME TO BITS UNLESS SOMETHING HAPPENS...

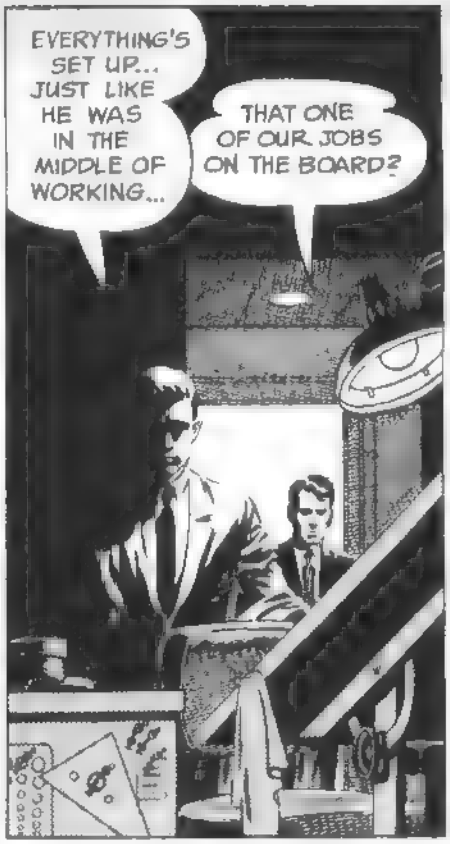
...SOON!


THERE ISN'T ANY END! EVERY STORY I DO, IT HAPPENS! EACH ONE WORSE THAN THE OTHER... CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS! WHAT'S THE SOLUTION? THE ANSWER?!


VERY SIMPLE! YOU NEED REST... RELAXATION! YOU'VE BECOME TOO INVOLVED IN YOUR WORK...
.. MIND LEAVING YOUR CHECK WITH THE RECEPTIONIST? SAVE TIME WITH BILLING...


WHAT'S THE USE? I CAN'T AFFORD TO QUIT. JUST GOTTA KEEP CHURNING 'EM OUT.. DON'T THINK ABOUT IT...
BUT I KNOW I WILL! I KNOW IT. I KNOW IT.. I KNOW IT

I KNEW IT! DRAWN INTO THIS NIGHTMARE WORLD! BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER THE SCRIPT... WHAT'S LURKING HERE? WHAT'S SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN?
THE PLANET! IT'S A LIVING ORGANISM! SUCKING ME INTO IT... DRAGGING ME DOWN!
SOMEONE'S GOT TO HELP ME! HELP ME! HELP!



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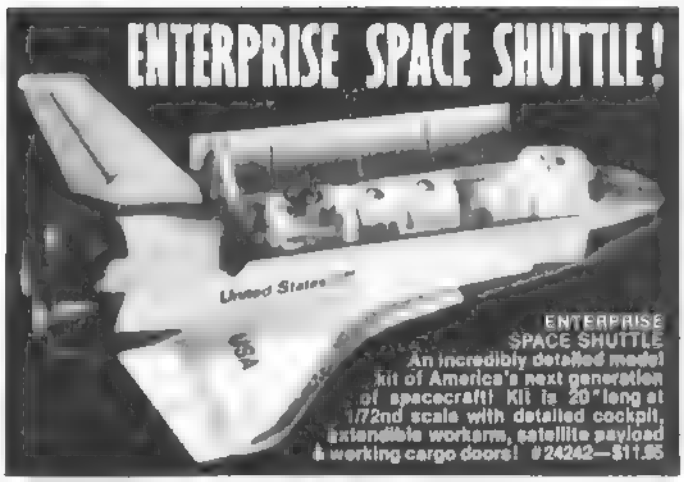

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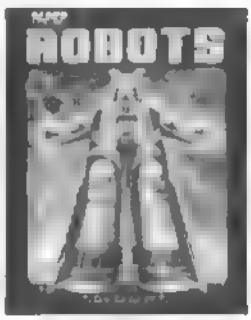

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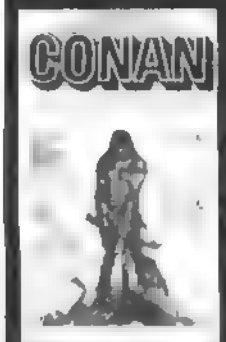

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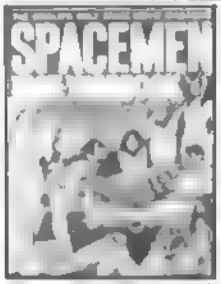

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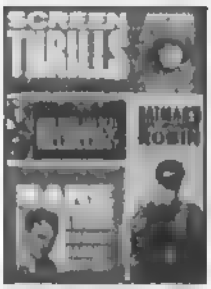

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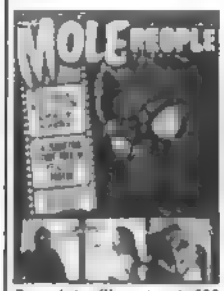

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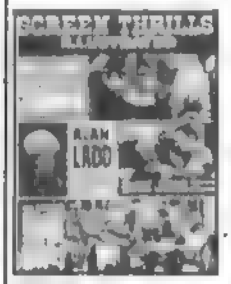

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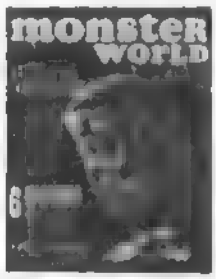

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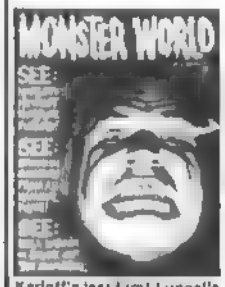

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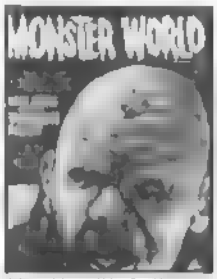

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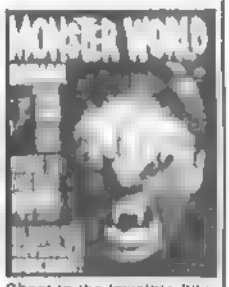

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THE COSMIC ALL
THE FIRST INTERSTELLAR SHIP "ALDREN" SLOWED DOWN TO "ONE LIGHT" (OR, TO PUT IT CORRECTLY, RE-ENTERED NORMAL SPACE AND TIME) JUST A MILLION MILES AWAY FROM THEIR AIMING POINT ON THE RIM OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM SURROUNDING THE NEAREST STAR, ALPHA CENTAURI...
YES SIR! COURSE FOR ALPHA III IS BEING FED IN NOW, SIR!
THE READINGS INDICATE WE'LL NEED FULL EQUIPMENT...BETTER SUIT UP, KIDS!
YES SIR!
ENTERING THE PLANET'S ATMOSPHERE NOW... FIRE RETROS!
LANDING PARTY READY TO DISEMBARK, SIR!
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STRANGE... THERE'S LOTS OF PLANT LIFE, SO THERE MUST BE ANIMAL LIFE AS WELL...
BUT SO FAR WE'VE SEEN NO SIGN OF IT!
LOOK! SKELETONS!
THIS ONE LOOKS ALMOST HUMANOID... WE MAY RUN INTO INTELLIGENT LIFE...
NOTHING BUT BONES... THIS WHOLE WORLD IS A GRAVE-YARD!
SIR! COME HERE! QUICK!
A SPACE-SHIP!
AND MORE BONES... WELL, THAT'S ENOUGH FOR TODAY!
WE'LL CAMP HERE BY THIS LAKE...
DON, YOU'LL STAND THE FIRST WATCH!

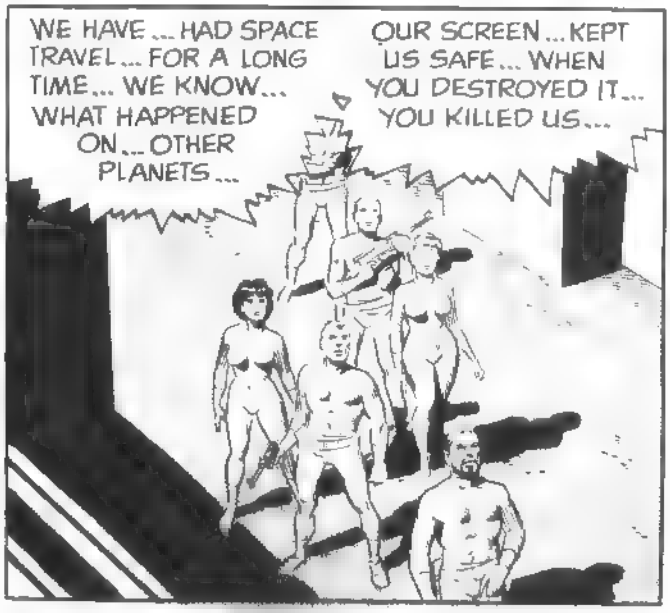
THE CREW WAS SOON ASLEEP, AND EVEN THE GUARD NODDED, WHEN...
EEEEEE!
WHAT?
SUE!
DON! HELP!
GET TO THE SHIP! EVERY-BODY!
LLLLOT!
THERE'S YOUR ANIMAL LIFE, SIR! WHAT WE THOUGHT WAS A LAKE...
...ONE BIG SLIMY BLOB OF PROTO-PLASM!
WELL, THAT'S ENOUGH OF THAT WORLD! SET COURSE FOR THE NEXT...
THEY LANDED ON THE SECOND PLANET, ONLY TO FIND...
BONES... JUST BONES...
AND LOOK! THE SLIME!
IT'S COMING THIS WAY! EVERYBODY ABOARD!
AND THEN, AS THEY APPROACHED THE NEXT WORLD...
WE WON'T NEED HELMETS THIS TIME... IT HAS AN ATMOSHERE JUST LIKE EARTH!
CAP-TAIN! LOOK! ...A CITY!
SUDDENLY...
WE'RE BEING ATTACKED! BUT OUR SCREEN IS HOLDING!
RETURN FIRE!

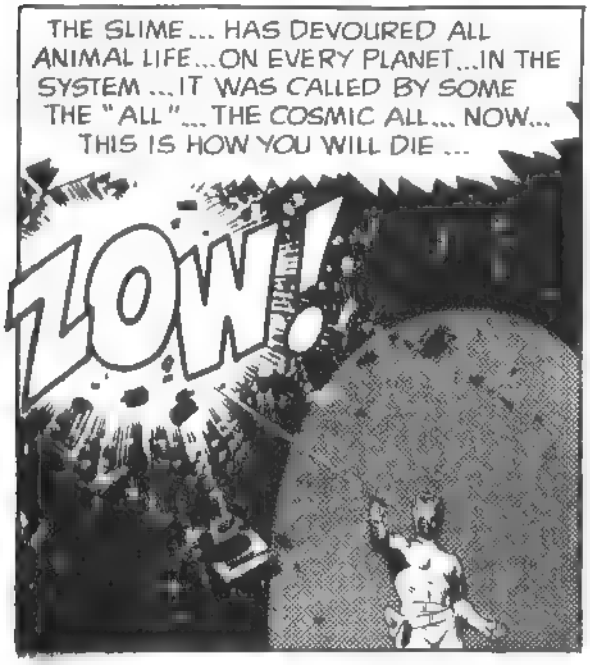
ONE IRRESISTIBLE BEAM FROM THE SHIP STRUCK THE CITY'S FORCE FIELD, AND...
GETTING A SIGNAL, SIR! SEEMS TO BE FROM THE CITY...
FEED IT INTO THE TRANSLATOR! MAYBE WE CAN SETTLE THIS PEACEFULLY...
THE MESSAGE IS COMING THROUGH NOW, CAPTAIN.. LISTEN...
SPACESHIP... IF... YOU MAY TRANSMIT.. WE HAVE... TRANSLATING MACHINE...
WHY DID YOU FIRE AT US? WE COME IN PEACE...
YOU ARE... THREAT TO US... YOU CAME FROM... PLANET OF... THE SLIME...
... AND NOW... IT NO LONGER MATTERS... YOU MAY LAND... FOR YOU ARE... DOOMED... AS WE ARE.
WHAT SHALL WE DO, SIR? THEY SEEM TO BE TRYING TO SCARE US!
WE'VE COME FOUR LIGHT YEARS TO GET DATA! WE'RE NOT GOING TO CHICKEN OUT NOW! PREPARE TO LAND!
AS THEY NEARED THE ALIEN CITY...
KEEP YOUR GUNS READY! BRING UP THE TRANSLATOR!
HERE THEY COME!
THEY'RE ATTACKING!
FIRE!

SCREEEOOM!

LISTEN!
THANK YOU... FOR KILLING US... IT IS A CLEAN DEATH..

...COMPARED TO.. WHAT IS... GOING TO... HAPPEN TO... YOU... I... RECORDED THIS... MESSAGE... SO THAT YOU... WILL KNOW WHAT TO... EXPECT...


WE HAVE... HAD SPACE TRAVEL... FOR A LONG TIME... WE KNOW... WHAT HAPPENED ON... OTHER PLANETS...
OUR SCREEN... KEPT US SAFE... WHEN YOU DESTROYED IT... YOU KILLED US...


THE SLIME... HAS DEVOURED ALL ANIMAL LIFE... ON EVERY PLANET... IN THE SYSTEM... IT WAS CALLED BY SOME THE "ALL"... THE COSMIC ALL... NOW... THIS IS HOW YOU WILL DIE...
ZOW!

ANY QUESTIONS?

THEN... WE STAY?
YES... TOMORROW WE'LL TAKE A LOOK AROUND...

SEE YOU IN THE MORNING, CAPTAIN!
YEAH... IF WE'RE STILL ALIVE!

HA! PLEASANT DREAMS...
YAWN YEAH, G'NIGHT NOW...

GOOD MORN - OH, GOD!

SICK WITH HORROR, THE GIRL RUSHED OUT, TO FIND...
DEAD! ALL DEAD - OH! DON!
YEAH! LOOKS LIKE WE'RE THE ONLY ONES LEFT!

LOOK OUT, DON! IT'S THE SLIME AGAIN!
ZLOT!
RUN FOR IT! HEAD FOR THE SHIP!

MAYBE WE CAN OUTRUN IT! COME ON, SUE!
OH!

MY ANKLE... I THINK IT'S BROKEN! I CAN'T...
HANG ON, SUE! I'LL CARRY YOU...

GASP! MADE IT! NOW IF WE CAN JUST BLAST OFF...

WE'RE NEARLY HOME! OH, DON.. WE MADE IT!

THERE'S JUST ONE THING I DON'T UNDERSTAND...

YES... I KNOW... WHY DIDN'T IT HAPPEN TO US...?

WHY WERE WE SPARED?

LATER...

SUE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING? WE ARE OFF COURSE!

YES... I... I DON'T KNOW WHY I... SOMETHING CAME OVER ME... A VOICE - NO! A THOUGHT...

YOU'RE INSANE! GET OUT OF MY WAY!

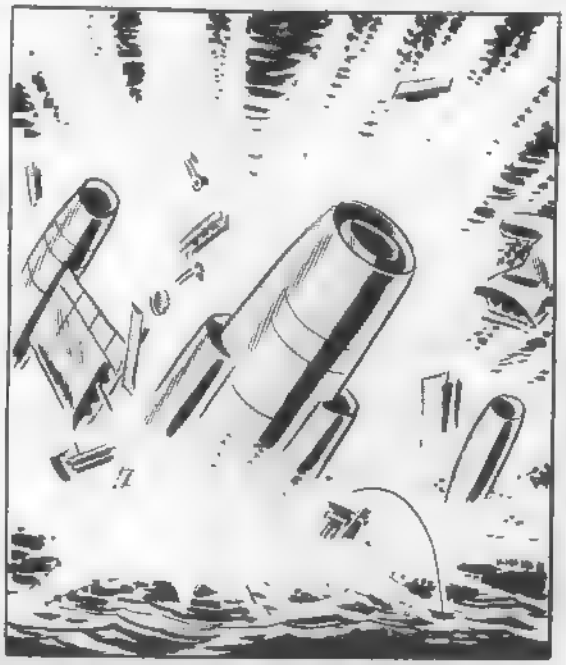
MAYBE I CAN STILL CORRECT...

NO! YOU MUSTN'T! WE MUST NOT BE EXAMINED!

THEY WILL FIND OUT...

...AND KILL US!

AND AS THEY STRUGGLED, THE GREAT STARSHIP WENT INTO FINAL ORBIT, AND THEN IT WAS TOO LATE... THEY RE-ENTERED THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE, AND SPLASHED DOWN IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN, A THOUSAND MILES FROM THE COAST...



AND THEN... AS THEY SANK INTO THE DEPTHS, HE BECAME AWARE OF IT... OF IT GROWING IN HIM...

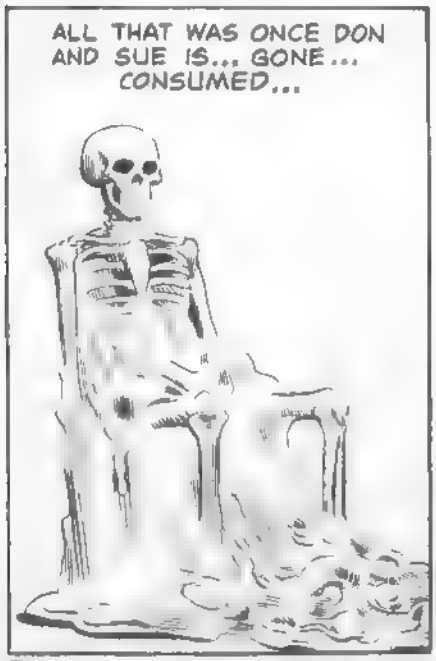
WHAT... WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME...? I FEEL...

YOU TOO! OH, DARLING! I'M SO GLAD... NOW YOU KNOW WHY!

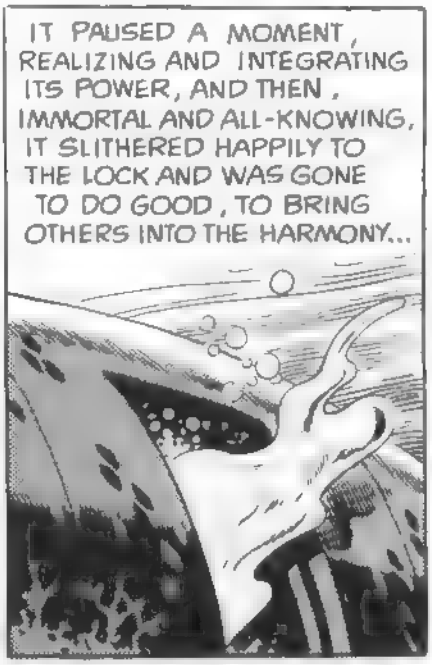
YES... I KNOW WHY YOU CHANGED COURSE...I KNOW WHY IT DIDN'T HAPPEN TO US BEFORE... LIKE THE OTHERS...
YES! IT WANTED US TO RETURN TO EARTH, TO BRING PEACE AND LOVE TO ANOTHER SYSTEM...

FOR IT IS INTELLIGENT, IN FACT OMNISCIENT! IT HAS BEEN IN US ALL THE TIME, WAITING... AND NOW IT IS TIME...
YES! THERE WILL BE A NEW LIFE, A BETTER ONE, FOR THIS WHOLE PLANET OF UNHAPPY SICK, MURDEROUS VERTEBRATES!

... THEN THERE WAS NO LONGER A NEED FOR WORDS, EVEN IF THEY HAD BEEN ABLE TO UTTER THEM, FOR THEIR FLESH SLIPPED SILENTLY FROM THEIR SKELETONS, AND THEY FLOWED EFFORTLESSLY TOWARD EACH OTHER, TREMBLING WITH THE RAPTURE OF THEIR NEW STATE OF BONELESS FREEDOM ...


ALL THAT WAS ONCE DON AND SUE IS... GONE... CONSUMED...

... AND MERGED, AND THEN IT WAS COMPLETE AND IN TOUCH WITH THE COSMIC ALL... SEPARATE, YET ONE WITH ITS MILLIONS OF COMPONENTS ON MILLIONS OF WORLDS...


IT PAUSED A MOMENT, REALIZING AND INTEGRATING ITS POWER, AND THEN, IMMORTAL AND ALL-KNOWING, IT SLITHERED HAPPILY TO THE LOCK AND WAS GONE TO DO GOOD, TO BRING OTHERS INTO THE HARMONY...

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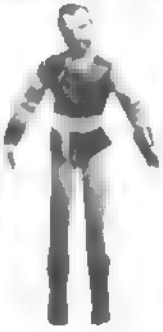

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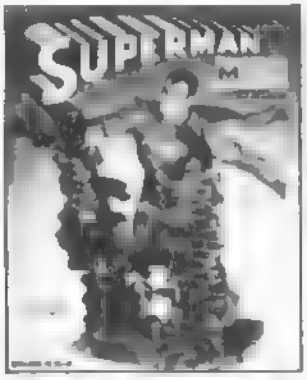

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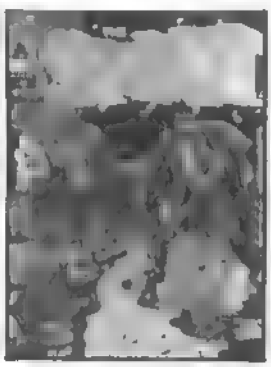

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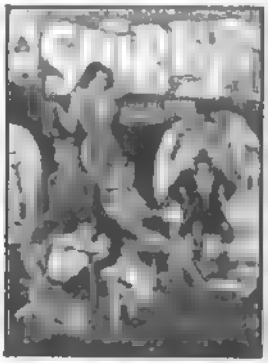

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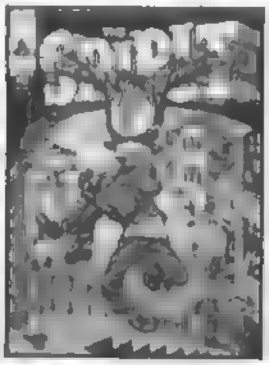

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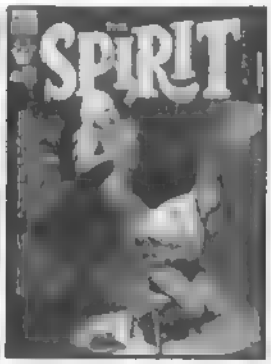

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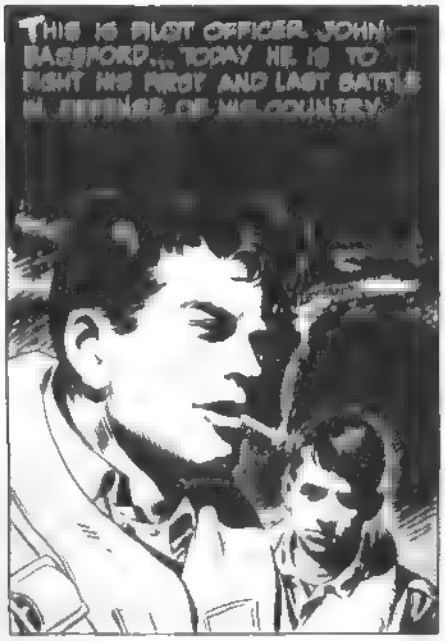
THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN!



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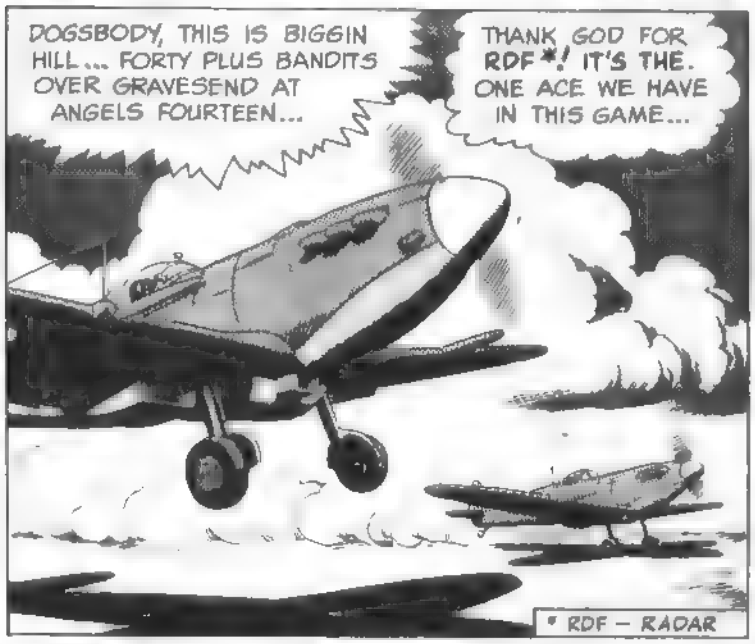
CONTROL REPORTS ANOTHER SCRAP SOUTH OF KENT.. AND A BIG FORMATION BUILDING UP OVER THE CHANNEL..
THE BLIGHTERS ARE REALLY LAYING IT ON TODAY, AREN'T THEY? WHY ARE WE BEING HELD BACK..?

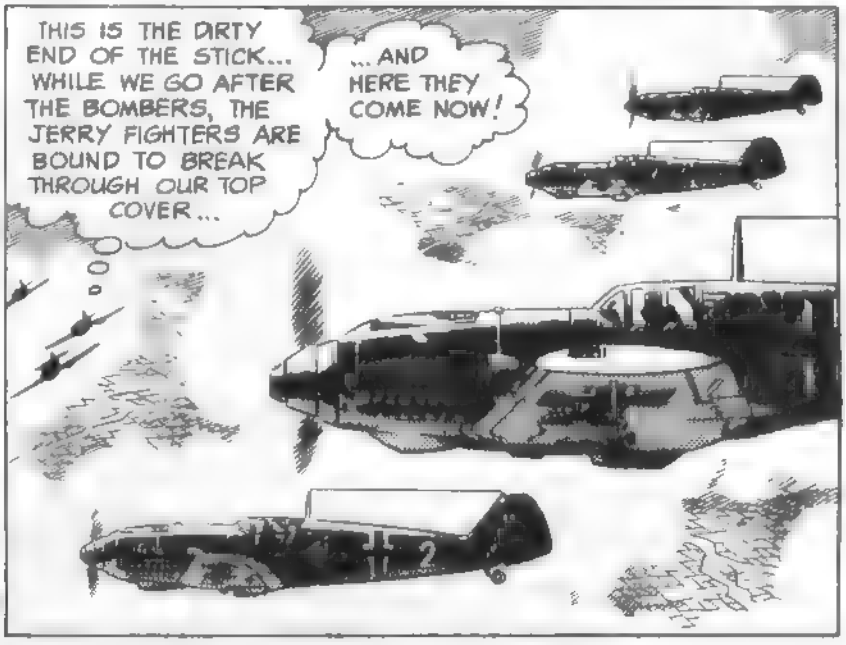
THIS IS YOUR FIRST DAY ON OPERATIONS, JOHNNY... DON'T BE TOO EAGER TO GET SHOT AT...
SCRAMBLE!
...AND HERE WE GO! STICK CLOSE AND DON'T BE A BLOODY HERO!

MY FIRST COMBAT! I'M NOT SCARED... I'M PETRIFIED! I WONDER IF THE OTHERS ARE...?


DOGSBODY, THIS IS BIGGIN HILL... FORTY PLUS BANDITS OVER GRAVESEND AT ANGELS FOURTEEN...
THANK GOD FOR RDF*! IT'S THE ONE ACE WE HAVE IN THIS GAME...
* RDF – RADAR

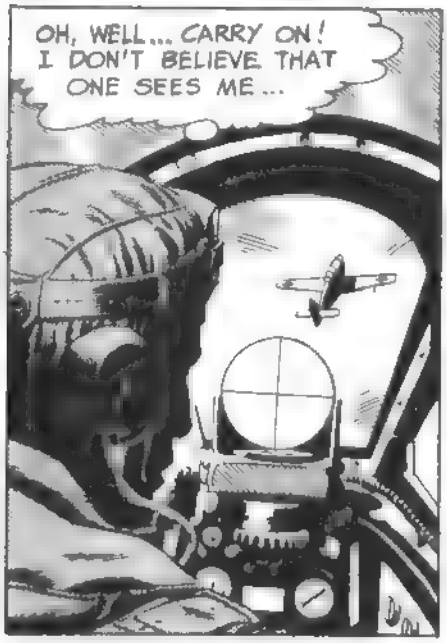
..WE CAN BE IN POSITION WAITING FOR THEM... OTHERWISE WE'D NEED TEN TIMES AS MANY PLANES TO DO THE JOB... HELLO! THERE THEY ARE NOW...
BANDITS! ELEVEN O'CLOCK LOW!

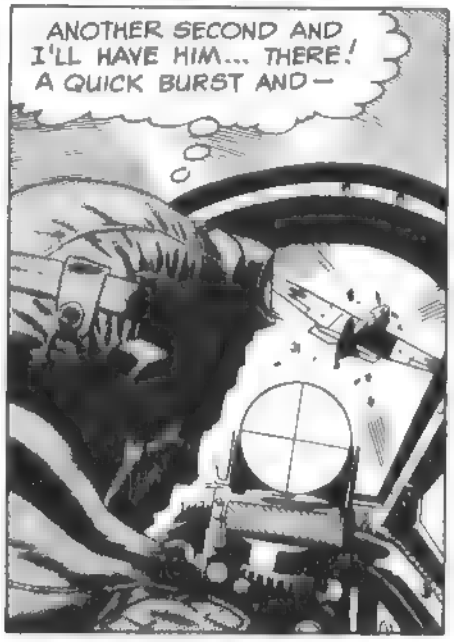
WINGMEN! KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR FIGHTERS!
LET'S GO, CHAPS! TALLY HO!


THIS IS THE DIRTY END OF THE STICK... WHILE WE GO AFTER THE BOMBERS, THE JERRY FIGHTERS ARE BOUND TO BREAK THROUGH OUR TOP COVER...
...AND HERE THEY COME NOW!

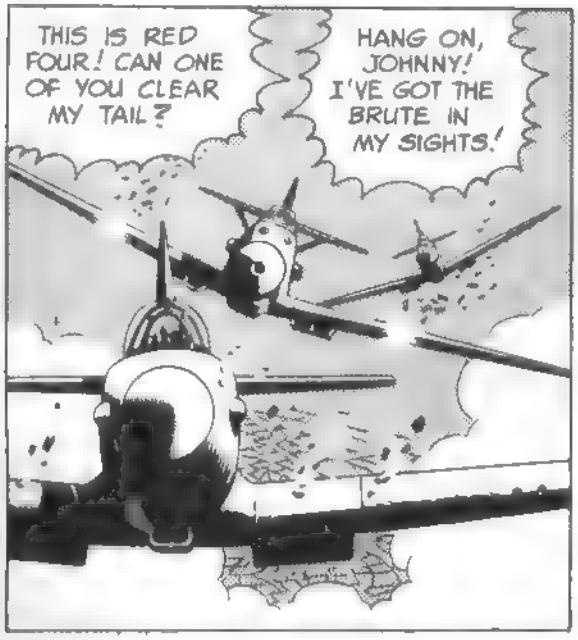
RED FLIGHT! BREAK! WE'RE BEING BOUNCED!

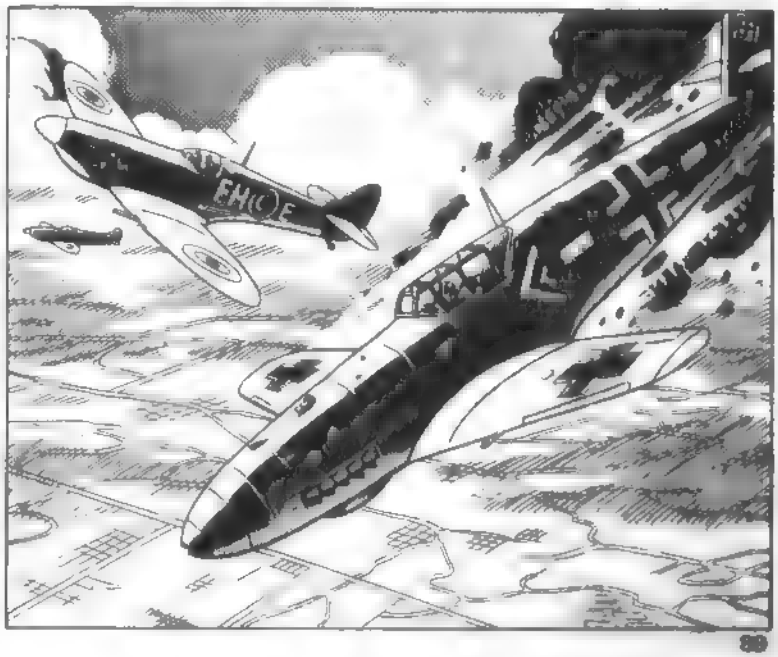
OH-OH! JOLLY BAD FORM, THAT! NOW WE'RE SCATTERED ALL OVER THE SKY!


OH, WELL... CARRY ON! I DON'T BELIEVE THAT ONE SEES ME...


ANOTHER SECOND AND I'LL HAVE HIM... THERE! A QUICK BURST AND—

RATTATTAT!


THIS IS RED FOUR! CAN ONE OF YOU CLEAR MY TAIL?
HANG ON, JOHNNY! I'VE GOT THE BRUTE IN MY SIGHTS!



GOOD OLD CORKY! I THOUGHT I'D HAD IT FOR SURE...
I SAY, JOHNNY... DO YOU KNOW YOU'RE ON FIRE? YOU'D BEST BAIL OUT!
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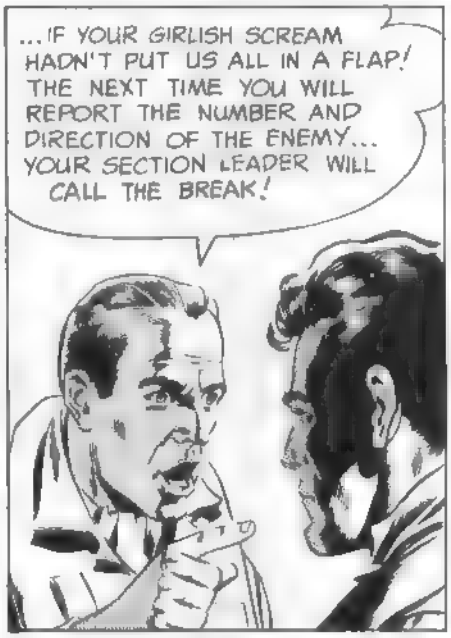
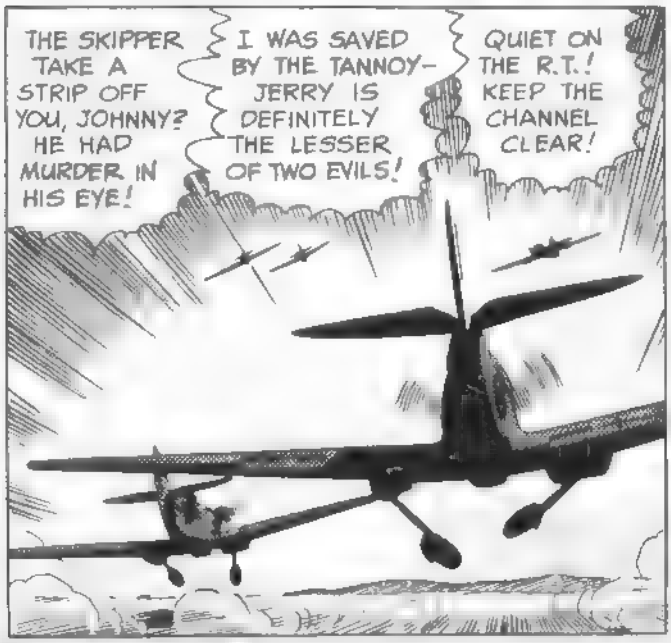
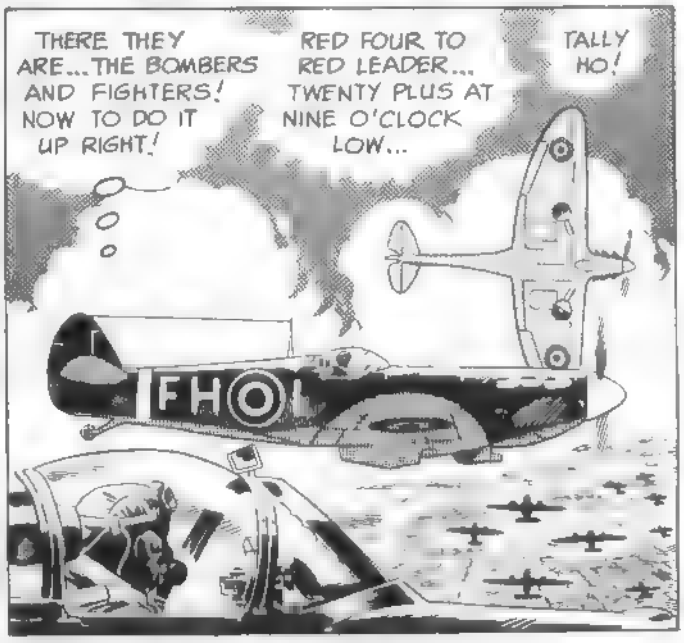
IF WE TRADE EVEN WE'RE LOSING... AND MY FIRST TIME UP I WASH OUT A SPITFIRE! AT THIS RATE, IN NO TIME I'LL BE A GERMAN ACE!

HERE COMES THE OLD MAN! I'M GOING TO GET THE BLOODY BOOK, THAT'S FOR SURE!
YOU--BASSFORD! HAVEN'T THEY TAUGHT YOU RUFFIANS ANYTHING AT FLYING SCHOOL? WE'D HAVE BAGGED THE LOT...


...IF YOUR GIRLISH SCREAM HADN'T PUT US ALL IN A FLAP! THE NEXT TIME YOU WILL REPORT THE NUMBER AND DIRECTION OF THE ENEMY... YOUR SECTION LEADER WILL CALL THE BREAK!

APPARENTLY THIS GROUP HAS TO FACE TWO DEADLY PERILS... THE LUFTWAFFE AND YOU!
SCRAMBLE!


THE SKIPPER TAKE A STRIP OFF YOU, JOHNNY? HE HAD MURDER IN HIS EYE!
I WAS SAVED BY THE TANNOY- JERRY IS DEFINITELY THE LESSER OF TWO EVILS!
QUIET ON THE R.T.! KEEP THE CHANNEL CLEAR!

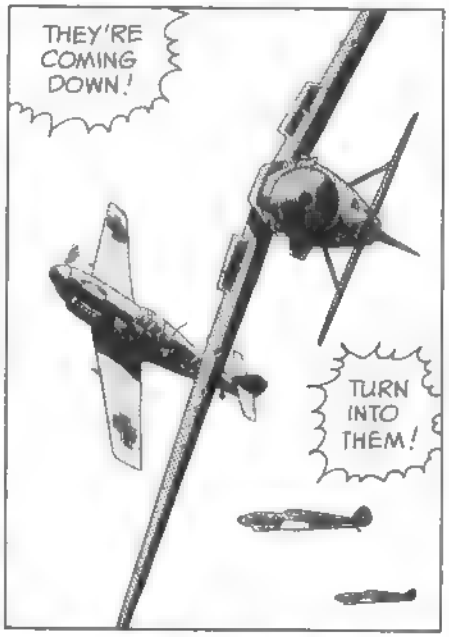

THERE THEY ARE...THE BOMBERS AND FIGHTERS! NOW TO DO IT UP RIGHT!
RED FOUR TO RED LEADER... TWENTY PLUS AT NINE O'CLOCK LOW...
TALLY HO!
FH

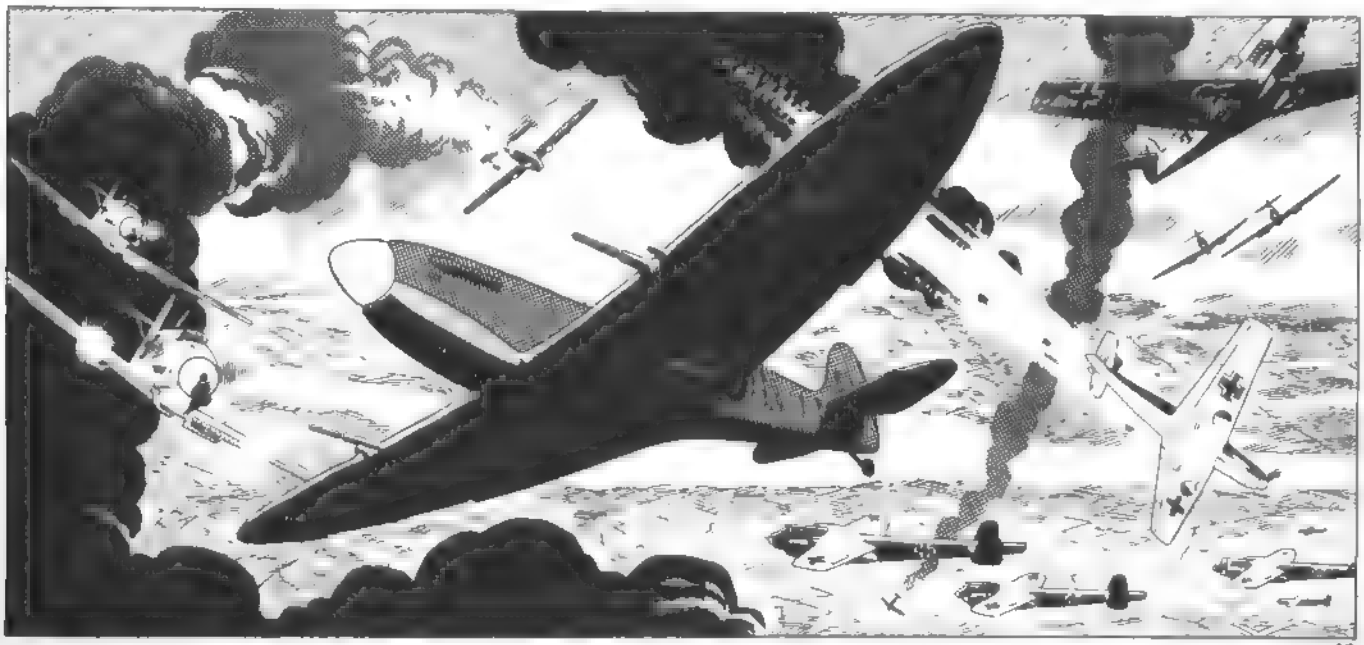
RED SECTION! ENGAGE THE BOMBERS! COVER US, WILL YOU, TONY?
DON'T LET THEM GET THROUGH! THEY'RE AFTER THE AIRFIELD!
GOT THE BLIGHTER!
DON'T SHOUT ON THE R.T...YOU CLOT! I CAN HEAR!

SCRATCH ONE HEINKEL! CONFIRM IT FOR ME, WILL YOU?
CAN DO, GUY!

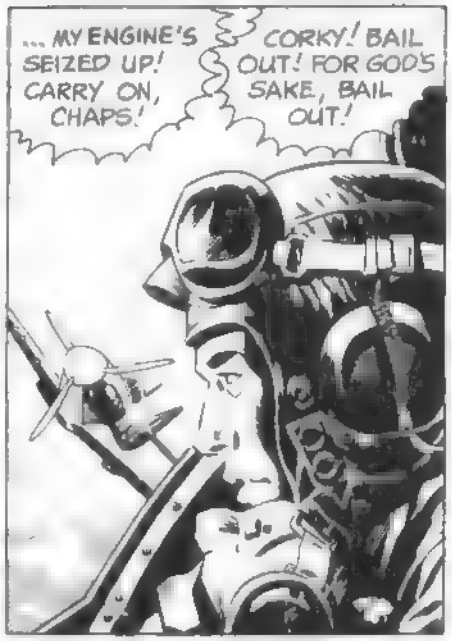
MORE AIRCRAFT AT SIX O'CLOCK HIGH! CAN YOU MAKE THEM OUT?
BANDITS! IT'S THE WHOLE BLOODY LUFTWAFFE!

DOGSBODY TO TANGMERE.. CAN YOU DIRECT SOME HELP THIS WAY? OVER...
SORRY, OLD CHAP.. ALL AVAILABLE SQUADRONS ARE ENGAGED..


THEY'RE COMING DOWN!
TURN INTO THEM!



WHO'S THAT GOING IN?
IT'S POOR GUY! AND I'M AFRAID I'VE HAD IT TOO...

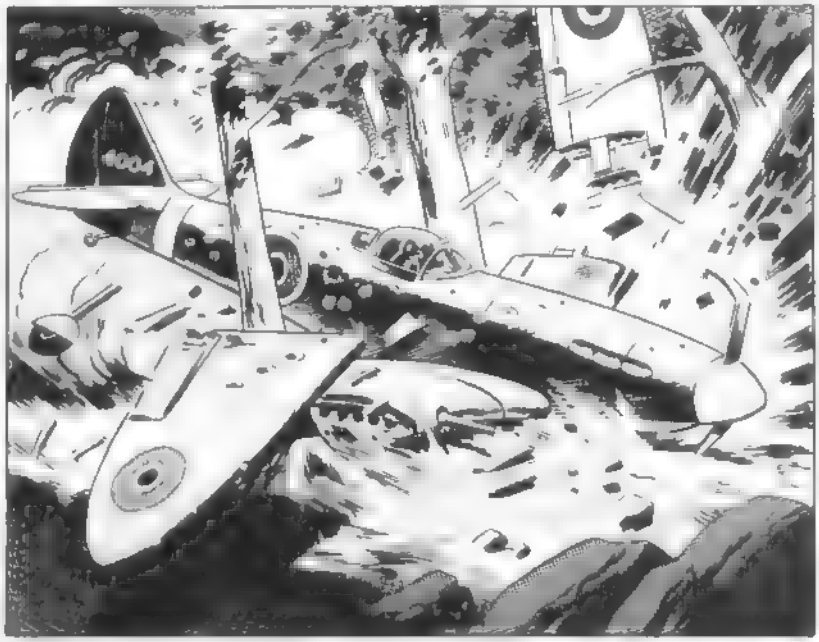

... MY ENGINE'S SEIZED UP! CARRY ON, CHAPS!
CORKY! BAIL OUT! FOR GOD'S SAKE, BAIL OUT!

THERE'S THE SWINE THAT GOT HIM! ... HE'S MINE!

I GOT HIM! I GOT THE DIRTY...
..I'M ALONE! THE WHOLE SQUADRON'S BEEN SHOT DOWN!

... AND I WON'T LAST LONG AT THIS RATE! THEY'RE USING ME FOR TARGET PRACTICE!

TOO LOW TO BAIL OUT...
I'LL JUST HAVE TO RIDE HER DOWN..



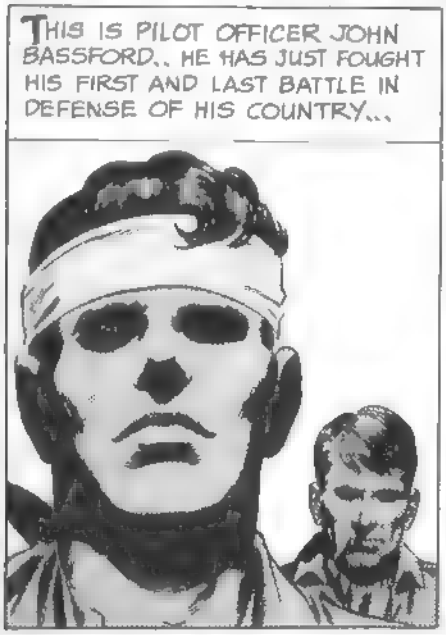
TWO FOR ONE... WE'RE LOSING.. CHECKERS.. TRADING OFF... TWO FOR ONE...
NO, JOHNNY! WE'VE WON!

CORKY! YOU'RE ALIVE! BUT--WON, YOU SAY? HOW?! WE-WE WERE BEING SLAUGHTERED..
IT'S OVER! YOU'VE BEEN OUT OF YOUR HEAD FOR DAYS... AND THEY'VE NOT COME BACK!

..NOT COME BACK? I DON'T QUITE...
THEY'VE SWITCHED TO NIGHT BOMBING OF CITIES! IT'S SAFER! IT'LL BE ROUGH ON THE CIVIL POPULATION, BUT IT'S SAVED THE R.A.F.!

WE COULDN'T HAVE TAKEN MUCH MORE, OR WE'D BE WIPED OUT... BUT THEY COULDN'T STAND THEIR LOSSES... 200 PLANES LAST WEEK, MOSTLY BOMBERS!
...AND EACH PLANE SHOT DOWN WAS A TOTAL LOSS, AS THEY WERE OVER ENEMY TERRITORY. WHILE OUR LADS COULD GO UP AGAIN, AS YOU DID!

...BUT THE CHECKER GAME .. THEY COULD AFFORD TO TRADE OFF...
THAT'S TRUE, BUT THAT KIND OF ANALOGY ONLY GOES JUST SO FAR! OUR BIG ADVANTAGE WAS THE FACT THAT WE HAD NO CHOICE! THEY COULD CALL IT OFF ANY TIME IT GOT TOO COSTLY... AND THEY DID! THEY QUIT PLAYING!


THIS IS PILOT OFFICER JOHN BASSFORD.. HE HAS JUST FOUGHT HIS FIRST AND LAST BATTLE IN DEFENSE OF HIS COUNTRY...

HE AND HIS FELLOW PILOTS, HAVE GIVEN THE LUFTWAFFE ITS FIRST DEFEAT, CAUSING HITLER TO CALL OFF "SEA LION"...

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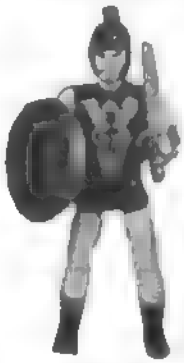

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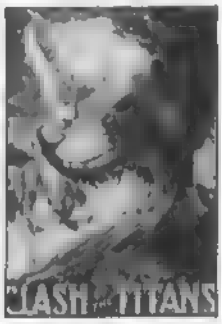

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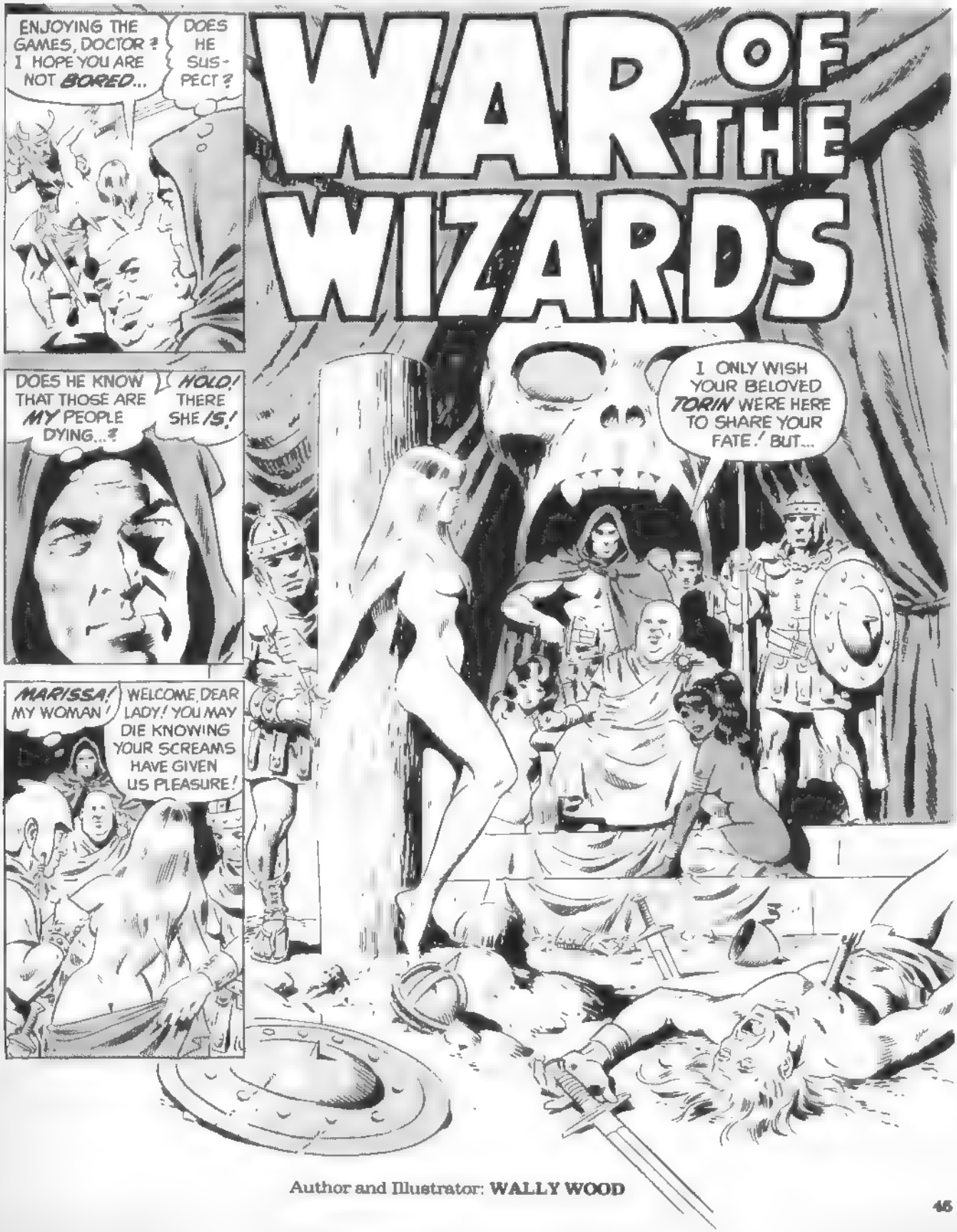
AS THE CAPTURED BARBARIANS STRUGGLED TO THE DEATH, THE BIG MAN WHO CLAIMED TO BE A DOCTOR WATCHED IMPASSIVELY. VALIANT MEN LOOKED TO THEIR CAPTORS FOR MERCY! THERE WAS NONE FORTHCOMING!

NOT A TWITCH, NOT A FROWN, COULD THE BIG MAN ALLOW HIMSELF... HE COULD NOT BETRAY THE SEETHING EMOTIONS HE FELT INSIDE! FOR HE WAS RULED BY A GREATER PURPOSE... A PURPOSE THAT FOR NOW, NO ONE MUST SUSPECT!



Author and Illustrator: **WALLY WOOD**

YOUR WISH IS GRANTED, PIG!
WHAT FOLLOWS IS INCREDIBLE.. A HUNDRED ARMED MEN AGAINST ONE NAKED SAVAGE / AND YET... HOW MANY SHEEP WOULD IT TAKE TO KILL ONE TIGER ?
NO! NO!
SAVE ME...
EEYAAA
STOP HIM! HE-
UNGH!
TORIN! HOW...?
NO QUESTIONS... JUST RUN!
THIS WAY... I HAVE A HORSE READY!
WHAT...IT A MOUNTED PATROL! THEY'VE SEEN US!
RIDING DOUBLE, WE CANNOT OUT-RUN THEM! OH, TORIN! WE ARE DOOMED!

THEY ARE GAINING! AND THOSE ARROWS ARE GETTING MORE ACCURATE...
LEAVE ME, MY LOVE! SAVE YOURSELF!
WHAT-!
EEEE!
SUDDENLY, TO THE AMAZEMENT OF THEIR PURSUERS, AS WELL AS THEIR OWN, THEIR STEED BECOMES AIRBORNE!
DO NOT BE AFRAID, MARISSA... WHATEVER MAGIC THIS IS, IT HAS SAVED OUR LIVES!
AWED INTO SILENCE, THEY CONTINUE THEIR UNCANNY RIDE, AND AT LENGTH THE TOWERS AND BATTLEMENTS OF A CASTLE APPEAR BEFORE THEM... A CASTLE IN THE AIR!

WELCOME, MORTALS! THE GREAT THANOS HAS DECIDED TO PROLONG YOUR MISERABLE LIVES, FOR WHAT REASON I KNOW NOT!
HASTEN! HE AWAITS YOU WITHIN... AND YOU MUST NOT KEEP HIM WAITING!
...AND WHATEVER HE PROPOSES, YOU MUST ACCEPT AT ONCE OR YOU DIE AT ONCE!
THANOS...?
SILENCE! BUT FOR ME, YOU ARE ALREADY DEAD!
DO YOU AGREE TO DO ONE THING FOR ME, IN EXCHANGE FOR YOUR LIVES?
YES, I AGREE...
GOOD! THEN...
YOU WILL KILL THE WIZARD AROS FOR ME!
KILL A WIZARD...?- BUT... HOW? I CANNOT...
I WILL PROVIDE THE MEANS... I CANNOT DO IT MYSELF, FOR I LACK THE PHYSICAL PROWESS AND THE COURAGE NECESSARY!

THIS IS THE WEAPON... I HAVE CREATED THIS JEWEL SPECIFICALLY TO COUNTER THE SOURCE OF HIS POWER...
WHEN AROS LOOKS UPON IT, HE NOT ONLY WILL LOSE HIS MAGICAL ABILITIES, BUT WILL BE RENDERED TOTALLY HELPLESS...
HMMM... THE WOMAN... YES! SHE WILL BE...
NO! SHE GOES WITH ME!
CALM YOURSELF, MY IMPULSIVE FRIEND! I WAS ABOUT TO SAY, SHE IS PERFECT FOR THE SUCCESS OF MY LITTLE ENDEAVOR...
FOR SHE SHALL WEAR THE JEWEL... HIDDEN BENEATH HER TUNIC...
THERE! NOW, PLEASE REMEMBER... YOU MUST GET AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE BEFORE UNCOVERING IT!
TORIN, YOU MUST MAKE HIM COME TO YOU! STAY ALIVE, KILL HIS CREATURES UNTIL HE LEAVES HIS MAGIC SANCTUARY...
IN CASE YOU WAVER, TORIN, REMEMBER THIS - HE IS THE POWER BEHIND THE EMPIRE! AND IF YOU FAIL ME, YOU SHALL DIE!
I THANK YOU FOR THOSE PARTING WORDS, WIZARD... THEY HAVE FIRMED MY RESOLVE!

SOON...
THIS MUST BE THE CAVE! OH, TORIN... I AM SO AFRAID!
SO AM I, MARISSA, BUT WE MUST – AH! HERE THEY ARE! THE GUARDIANS OF AROS!
THANOS SAID TO KILL AS MANY AS POSSIBLE! THIS PART IS NO HARDSHIP... IN FACT, IT IS A DISTINCT PLEASURE!
...BUT THEY SEEM TO BE NUMBERLESS... MY ARMS GROW WEARY...
THEN, AS TORIN IS ABOUT TO DESPAIR...
MARISSA! LOOK! IT MUST BE...
WHO DARES TO INTRUDE UPON THE DOMAIN OF AROS?

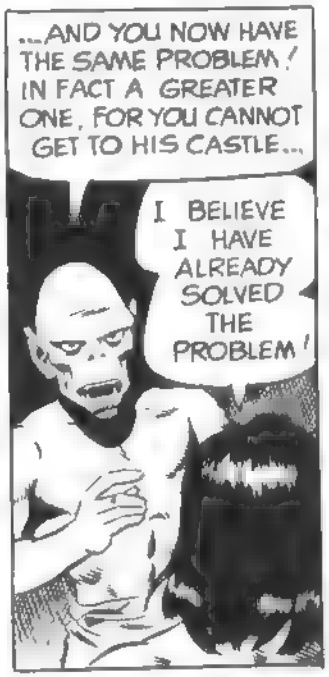
BEFORE YOU DIE, YOU WILL TELL ME SOME THINGS...
WHY DID YOU COME HERE? WHO SENT YOU...?
WOMAN! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

IT WORKED! HE IS HELPLESS!
QUICK - REMOVE HIS BELT, RINGS... ANYTHING THAT MIGHT BE A SOURCE OF MAGICAL POWER!
THE GEM DID IT!

PLEASE... DO NOT KILL ME! I BEG OF YOU... ASK WHAT YOU WILL OF ME...
I THINK YOU KNOW WHAT I WANT, WIZARD... I MUST KNOW HOW TO KILL THANOS!

I DO HAVE IN MY POSSESSION, ONE THING THAT WILL NULLIFY HIS MAGIC... IN FACT, ALL MAGIC... THE LODESTONE OF XAN! BUT I CANNOT USE IT, FOR TO USE IT I WOULD HAVE TO BE ON HIS AERIAL CITADEL...
YES? WHAT OF IT?

SINCE IT IS HELD ALOFT BY SORCERY, THE WHOLE STRUCTURE WILL COME CRASHING TO THE GROUND, AND EVERYONE IN IT WILL DIE!
AND, SINCE THE LODE-STONE WILL RENDER MY MAGIC IMPOTENT, I WOULD BE KILLED ALSO...


...AND YOU NOW HAVE THE SAME PROBLEM! IN FACT A GREATER ONE, FOR YOU CANNOT GET TO HIS CASTLE...
I BELIEVE I HAVE ALREADY SOLVED THE PROBLEM!

AND SO, A FEW DAYS LATER, TORIN'S BARBARIANS APPEAR ON A SUMMIT NEAR THE SKY CASTLE, HAULING A CATAPULT...
FOOM!
READY? LET FLY!

IT MAY WELL BE THAT THE GODS WHO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONSES OF WIZARDS KNOW NOT THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN WHITE AND BLACK MAGIC. ULTIMATELY, THERE MAY BE NO DIFFERENCE.

MOONRAKER TRADING CARDS AND STICKERS

From the 007 outer space epic! Backs of cards form two jigsaw puzzles! Assortment comes in the original wrapper!
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Stickers featuring Bond, Holly, Jaws, the Moonraker, action scenes and more!
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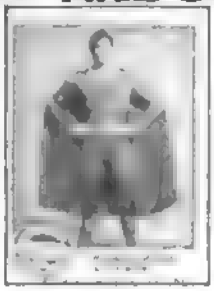
SUPERMAN The MOVIE TRADING CARDS AND STICKERS



Backs of cards feature movie facts and jigsaw puzzle of the Man of Steel! Assortment comes in the original wrapper!
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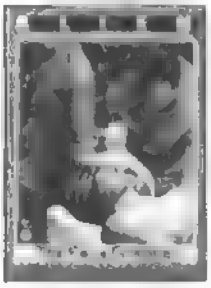

Backs of cards feature two different jigsaw puzzles, plus summary of [illegible] comes in original wrapper!
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Dazzling stickers featuring the leading characters, the outer space scenes, more!
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[illegible] TV series on colorful stickers! Starbuck, others!
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THE HULK TRADING CARDS AND STICKERS

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Stunning color stickers of TV's green-skinned goliath and alter ego Dr. Banner!
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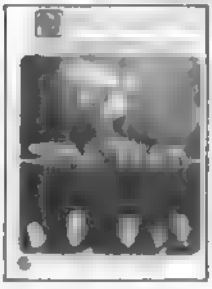
STAR TREK TRADING CARDS AND STICKERS



Backs of cards feature story summaries, plus jigsaw puzzles of Enterprise crew! Assortment comes in original wrapper!
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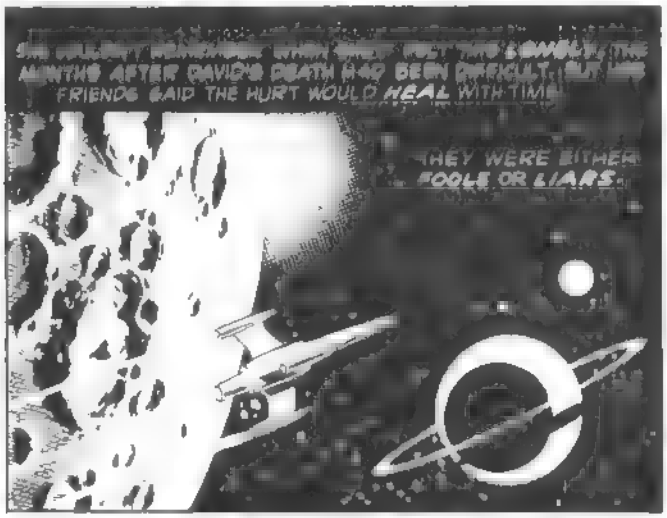
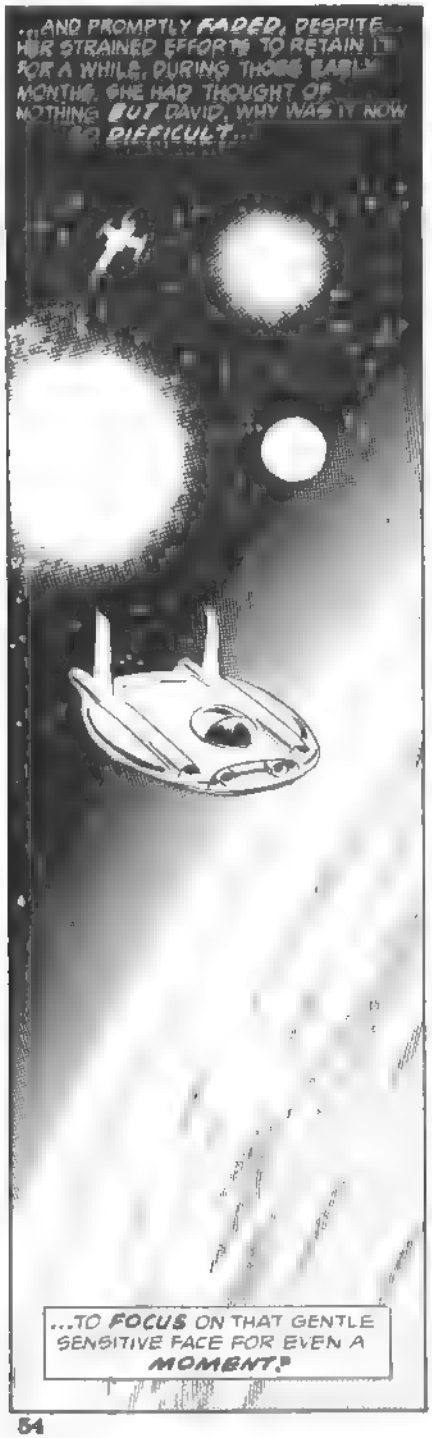

MONTHS AFTER DAVID'S DEATH HAD BEEN DIFFICULT. BUT THE FRIENDS SAID THE HURT WOULD HEAL WITH TIME.
THEY WERE EITHER FOOLS OR LIARS...

NO, SHE THOUGHT...THAT WAS BEING UNFAIR. THEY UNDER-ESTIMATED THE EXTENT OF HER LOVE FOR HIM.


...AND PROMPTLY FADED, DESPITE HER STRAINED EFFORTS TO RETAIN IT FOR A WHILE. DURING THOSE EARLY MONTHS, SHE HAD THOUGHT OF NOTHING BUT DAVID. WHY WAS IT NOW SO DIFFICULT...
...TO FOCUS ON THAT GENTLE SENSITIVE FACE FOR EVEN A MOMENT.

I'M AFRAID YOU'RE IN FOR A GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT, BRENDA! HOPE IS A FUNNY THING WHEN YOU'VE GOT IT, YOU CAN SURVIVE ANYTHING... ALMOST!
BUT WHEN IT GOES, IT COULD TAKE YOUR INSIDES WITH IT RIGHT, CAPTAIN? SOMETIMES I FEEL SO EMPTY, I DOUBT IT WOULD BE ANY GREAT LOSS.
YOU KNOW, BRENDA, THERE ARE OTHER FORMS OF DISAPPOINTMENT TOO... ALMOST INVISIBLE FORMS.
LIKE WHEN A GOOD FRIEND BETRAYS HERSELF!

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE YOU REDUCED TO SELF-PITY. WHERE IS THE STRONG-WILLED, INDEPENDENT BRENDA BUCKLER WHO WOULD RISK ANYTHING...
...JUST TO KNOW IF HER HUSBAND WERE DEAD OR ALIVE!
SHE'S TIRED, JORG. AWFULLY TIRED

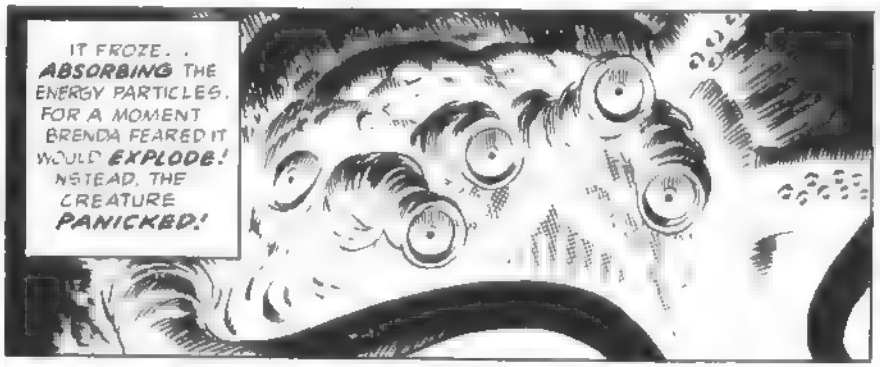
EIGHT MONTHS IN SPACE HAS GIVEN ME TIME TO THINK. ONCE I HAD ALL THE CONFIDENCE THAT GOES WITH IMPULSE!
NOW I'M NOT SO SURE...

SILENTLY THE SHUTTLECRAFT GLIDED THROUGH THE BLACK, ETERNAL UNIVERSE FINALLY DESCENDING OVER AN EXOTICALLY TIMBERED ***PLATEAU...***

THE MANHUNTERS

Author: **GERRY BOUDREAU**/Illustrator **WALLY WOOD**

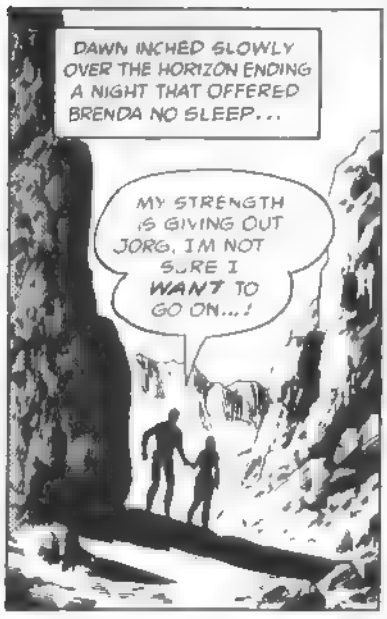
THE COMPUTERS WERE WRONG!
THERE IS LIFE ON THYNA!
ANIMAL LIFE!
IT'D BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE ANYONE TOUCHED BRENDA. AS THE DRY, SCALY TENTACLE ENCIRCLED HER BODY, IT TOUCHED SOMETHING DEEPER THAN FLESH...
EEEE!
WHY DON'T YOU FIRE?!
BRENDA'S IN THE WAY--


IT FROZE... ABSORBING THE ENERGY PARTICLES. FOR A MOMENT BRENDA FEARED IT WOULD EXPLODE! INSTEAD, THE CREATURE PANICKED!

AND IN PANIC, IT STRUCK OUT AT THE SOURCE!
YAAAH!
THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO. RUN!

IT SEEMS SO TERRIBLY WRONG FOR A MAN TO DIE ALONE.
YOU'VE NEVER SEEN ANYONE DIE BEFORE HAVE YOU?
EVERYONE ACCEPTS THE IDEA BUT FEW ACCEPT THE REALITY...
...'CAUSE THE REALITY OF IT STINKS.

PAIN TORE AT THE TENDONS OF HER LEGS BUT IT COULDN'T COMPARE WITH THE PAIN THAT ROCKED HER SOUL.
WE SHOULD BE SAFE IN THIS CAVE.


DAWN INCHED SLOWLY OVER THE HORIZON ENDING A NIGHT THAT OFFERED BRENDA NO SLEEP...
MY STRENGTH IS GIVING OUT JORG. I'M NOT SURE I WANT TO GO ON...!

MAYBE I SHOULD END IT ALL RIGHT NOW!
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR THAT KIND OF TALK BRENDA.

I WON'T STAND BY AND WATCH YOU COMMIT SUICIDE! YOU CAN'T DESTROY EVERYTHING YOU'VE BELIEVED IN.. NOT WHEN YOU'VE COME SO FAR.
JORG P-PLEASE STOP.. Y-YOU'RE HURTING ME!

I'M SORRY BRENDA IT SEEMS THE PAST FEW DAYS HAVE TURNED US INTO STRANGERS.
JORG! BEHIND YOU...

JORG TURNED, READY GENSING THAT HE WOULD FIND THAT WAS DEAD RIGHT.
OH GOD. CHOKE..

SCALY TENTACLES GRIPPED, TWISTED CRUSHED AND SUCKED AT HIS BODY DRAWING HIM CLOSER TO THE HIDEOUS HUSK HIS LIFE FLOWED THROUGH REDDENED WELTS IN HIS FLESH..
EEYAAAA!

THE FOOD OF THE GODS. THE PHRASE RAN THROUGH HER MIND AS SHE SAW JORG ABSORBED... EATEN ALIVE, AND DIGESTED. COULD IT BE PERHAPS THE ULTIMATE FATE OF MAN?

FOR EONS MAN DEPICTED GOD IN HIS OWN IMAGE WHAT IF THIS WERE THE DEITYMAN HAD BLINDLY WORSHIPPED FROM AFAR? BRENDA DECIDED SHE WAS NOT READY TO MEET HER CREATOR
SHE RAN LIKE HELL

THE CREATURE WAS SWIFT, AND BRENDA FELT THE LONG TAPERING TENTACLE OBSCENELY CARESS
OF SEARCHING AND DENIAL...WAS THIS
REWARD? A LONELY DEATH ON AN ALIEN
PLANET?

THEN...
IS PUTTING ME DOWN! IT DOESN'T WANT TO HARM ME BUT WANTS ME TO
INTELLIGENT!

THEN THEY RESTED. STRANGELY BRENDA FELT COMFORTED PROTECTED...
LONELY

MORNING CAME. THE JOURNEY CONTINUED. SHE HAD GROWN TO **RESPECT** THIS CREATURE. EVEN **TRUST** IT. SHE FOLLOWED MORE OUT OF **CURIOSITY** THAN **FEAR**.

BESIDES, EVEN THIS MONSTROUS TYPE COMPANIONSHIP WAS BETTER THAN BEING **ALONE**.

A A **CITY!**

BRENDA HAD NEVER SEEN SUCH ELABORATE AND COMPLEX **MACHINERY**. SHE DIDN'T REALIZE THE LABORATORY HAD BEEN **ABANDONED**. IT WAS **OBSOLETE**.

IT'S SOME KIND OF ADVANCED **LABORATORY!**

THE THYNIANS HAD DEVELOPED THE PSYCHO DOME **CENTURIES** BEFORE. IT RECORDED NOT ONLY SIGHT AND SOUND BUT **EMOTION**. IT WAS **LIFE** REDUCED TO A **GLASS TUBE**.

TWO YEARS SHE'D LIVED WITH DAVID, NOT KNOWING THE FEARS, DESIRES AND AMBITIONS THAT FORMULATED HIS SECRET THOUGHTS. WITH DEATH IMMINENT, THESE THINGS FLASHED THROUGH HIS MIND.
BRENDA WAS MORE THAN A LITTLE SHOCKED.

MIRACULOUSLY, DEATH DIDN'T COME. FROM THE CHARRED WRECKAGE EMERGED A WEAK, STUMBLING FIGURE...THAT LIVED BY WILL ALONE.

THOSE WHO FOUND HIM WERE PUZZLED. NEW SPECIES OF LIFE HADN'T BEEN REPORTED FOR MILENNIUMS! THIS ONE HAD A SOFT, FRAGILE SHELL...AND ONLY TWO EYES!

THE THYNIANS WERE A CURIOUS RACE THEY SOUGHT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS NEW CREATURE. TO STUDY IT... LEARN ITS HABITS!
THEY SAW THAT THE STRANGE ANIMAL'S BODY WAS SHATTERED BEYOND REPAIR!

SO THEY GAVE IT A NEW ONE TRANSPLANTING THE BRAIN AND VITAL ORGANS INTO A RESERVE BODY!
THEY THOUGHT IT AN INTERESTING EXPERIMENT TO SEE HOW WELL THE CREATURE ADAPTED TO ITS NEW EXISTENCE.
THAT'S THE END OF THE RECORDING... THEN THAT CREATURE THAT LED ME HERE...
...IS MY HUSBAND!

I'VE TRAVELLED MILLIONS OF MILES GIVEN EIGHT MONTHS OF MY LIFE...
...TO FIND THE MAN I LOVE!

ONLY TO FIND THAT HE'S NOW A MONSTER!
PHYSICALLY, DAVID IS GONE!
BUT THE MAN HE WAS...DEEP INSIDE STILL EXISTS!
HE'S CHANGED!

BUT THEN, I'M NOT THE SAME WOMAN I WAS BEFORE EITHER! I'VE LEARNED OF LIFE DEATH TRUTH...AND LOVE!
I'VE CHANGED, TOO!
I'VE GOT TO ACCEPT MY HUSBAND AS HE IS NOW! I HAVE TO STAY! EVEN IF IT MEANS BECOMING LIKE HIM

BRENDA KNEW THE DAYS AHEAD WOULD BE DIFFICULT BUT NOW THERE WAS NO TURNING BACK.
SHE HAD REGAINED STRENGTH...AND SHE HAD REGAINED A HUSBAND.
SHE WAS HAPPY.

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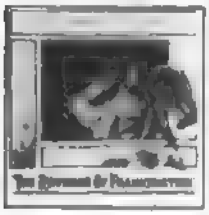

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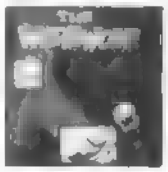

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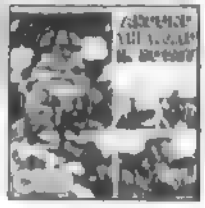

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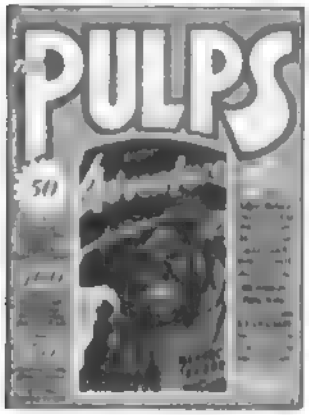

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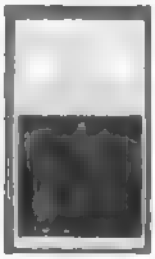

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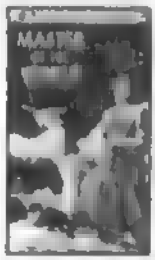

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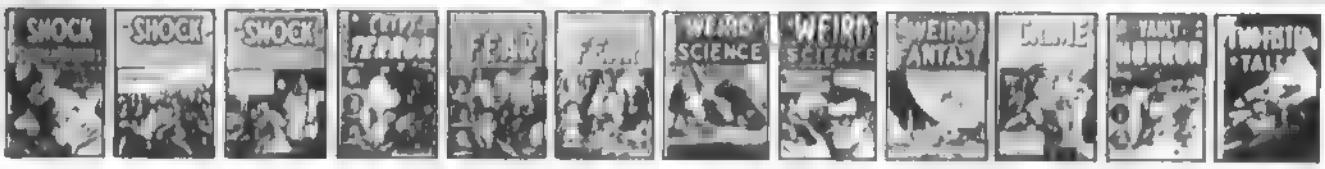

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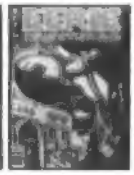
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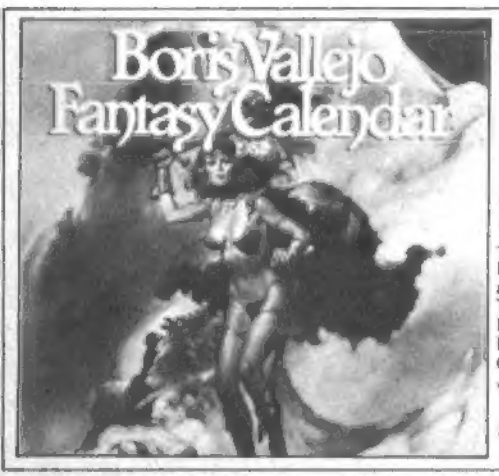

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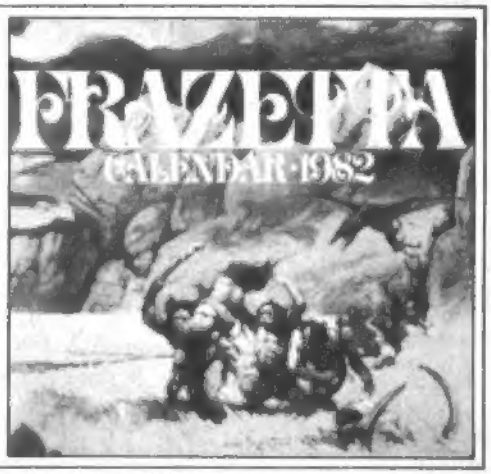

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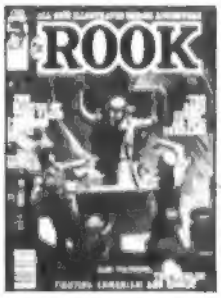

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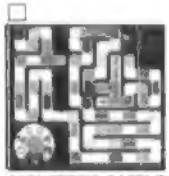
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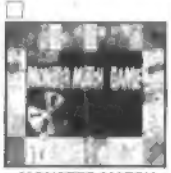
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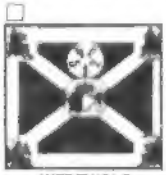
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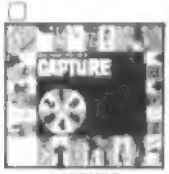

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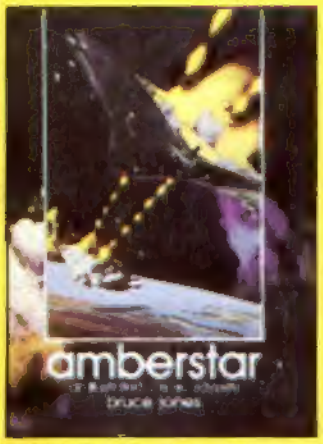

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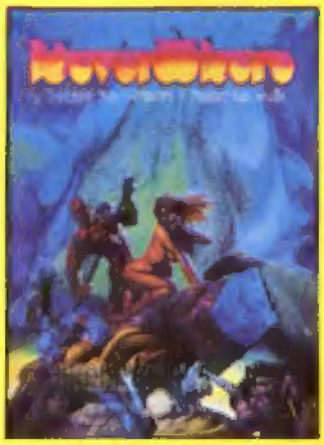

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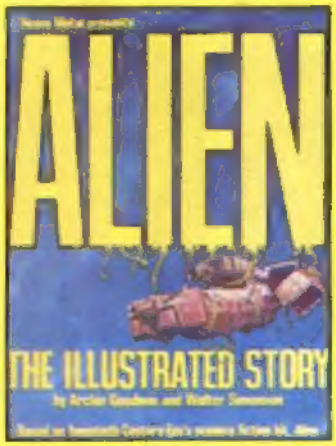

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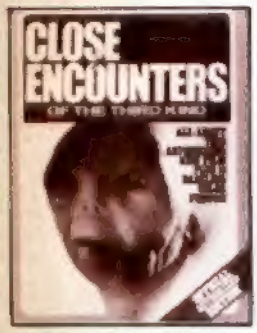

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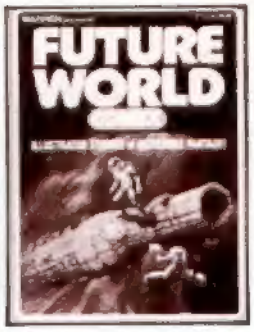

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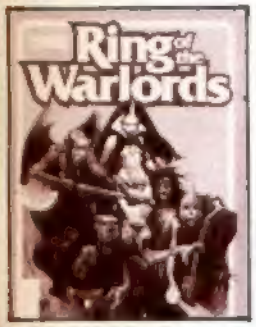

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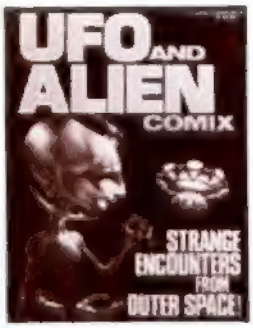

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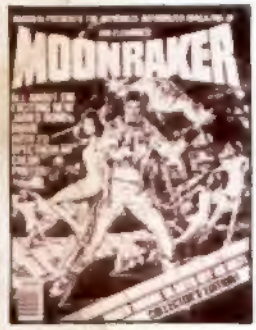

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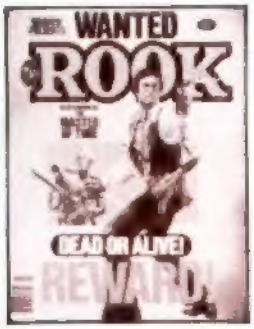

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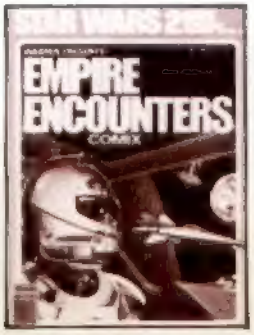

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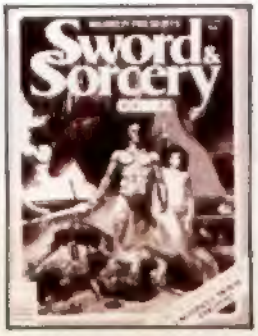

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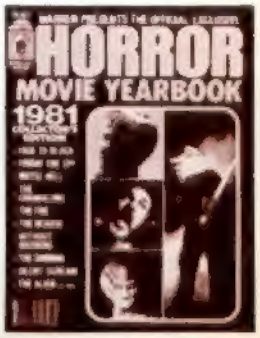

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